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(54) **AXIAL FLOW ATOMIZATION MODULE**

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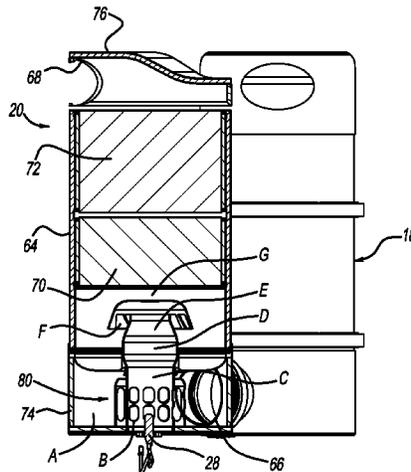
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An exhaust treatment component for treating an engine exhaust including a housing including an inlet and an outlet. A mixing device is located within the housing between the inlet and the outlet, and the mixing device includes a shell communicating with the outlet, a decomposition tube having a first end and a second end, and a flow reversing device disposed proximate the second end. The first end extends from the shell and is configured to receive the exhaust from the inlet, and is configured to receive a reagent exhaust treatment fluid. The second end is positioned within the shell. The flow reversing device is configured to direct a mixture of the exhaust and reagent exhaust treatment fluid in predetermined directions into the shell, the flow reversing device reverses a flow direction of the exhaust back towards the first end of the decomposition tube.

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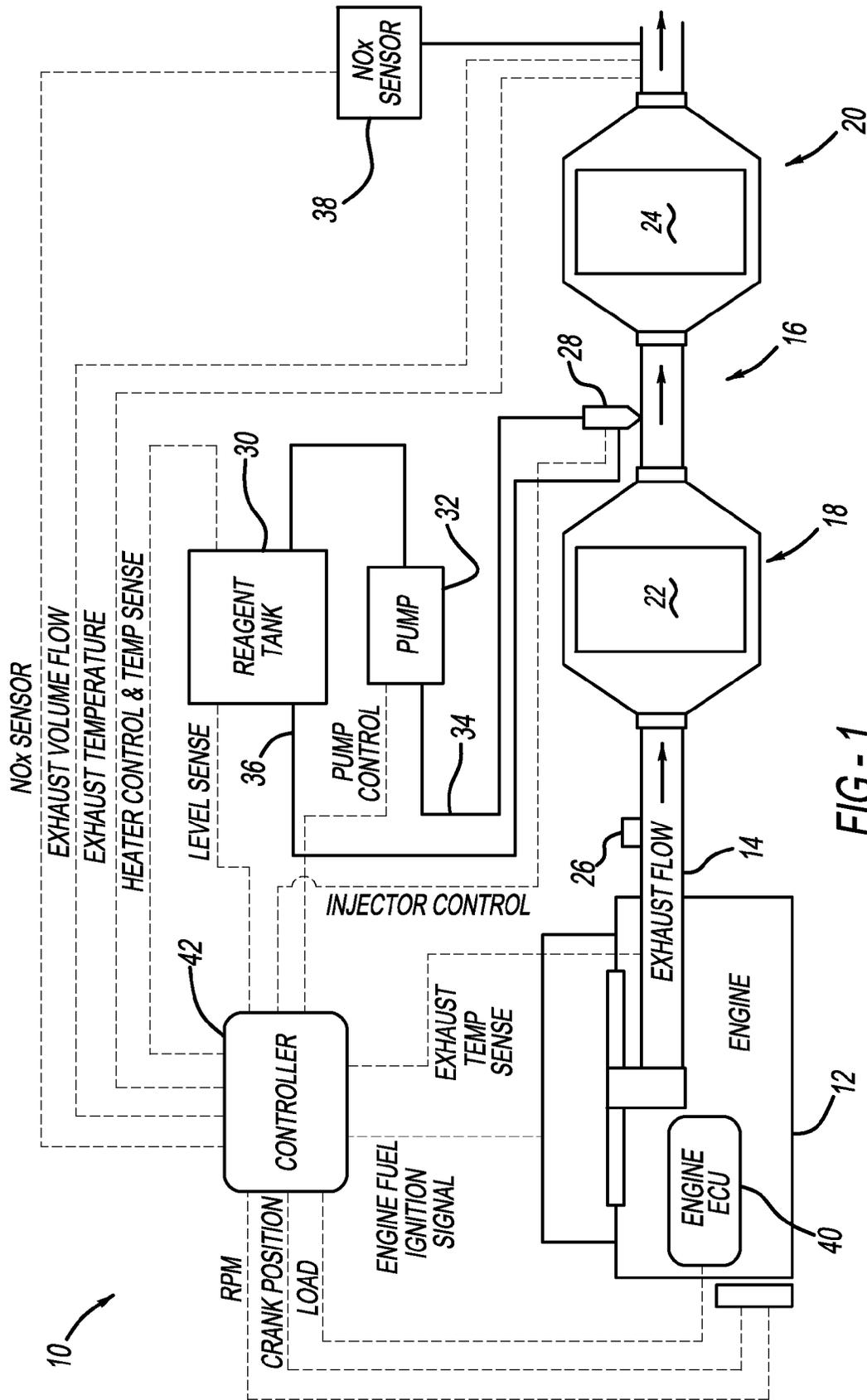


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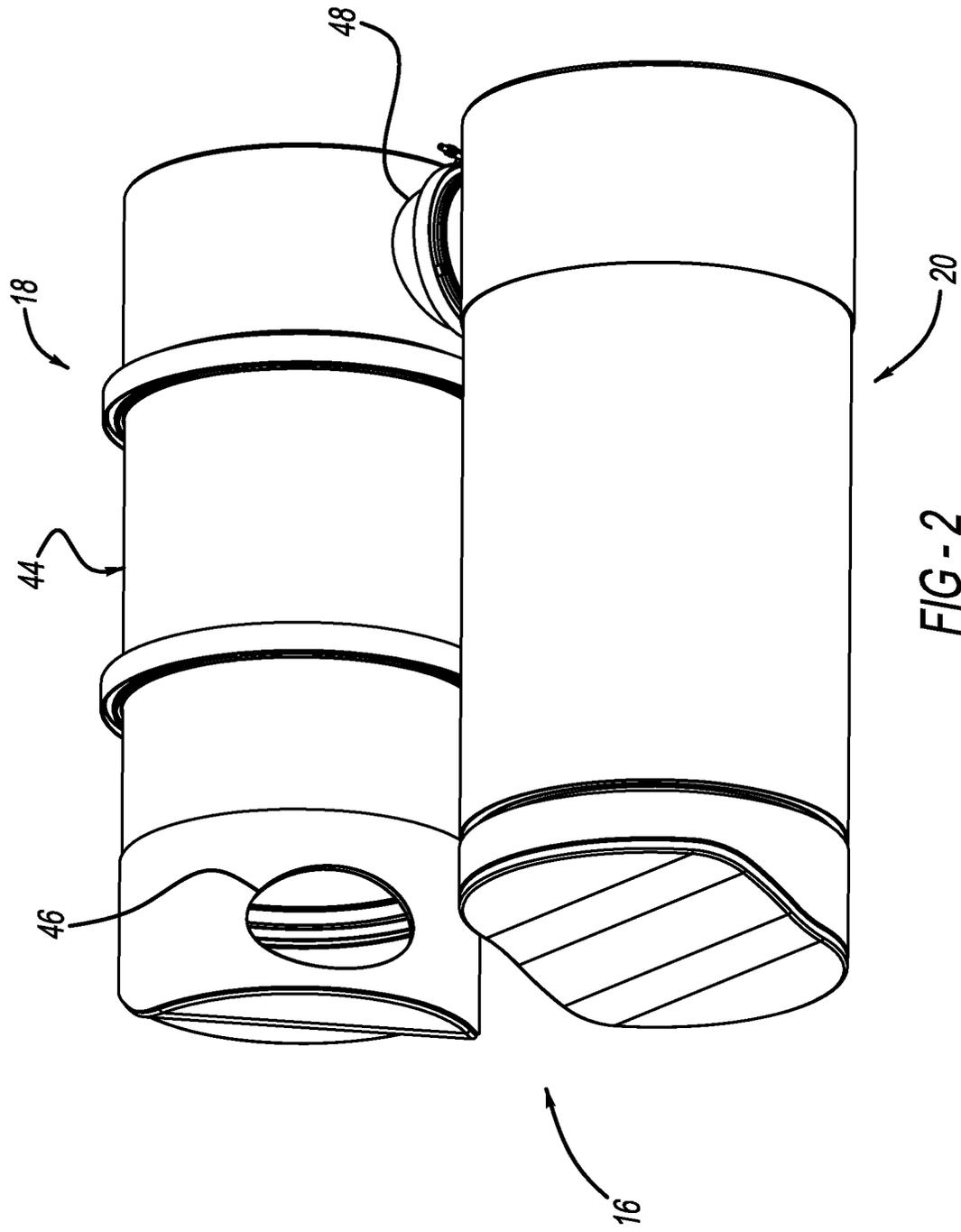


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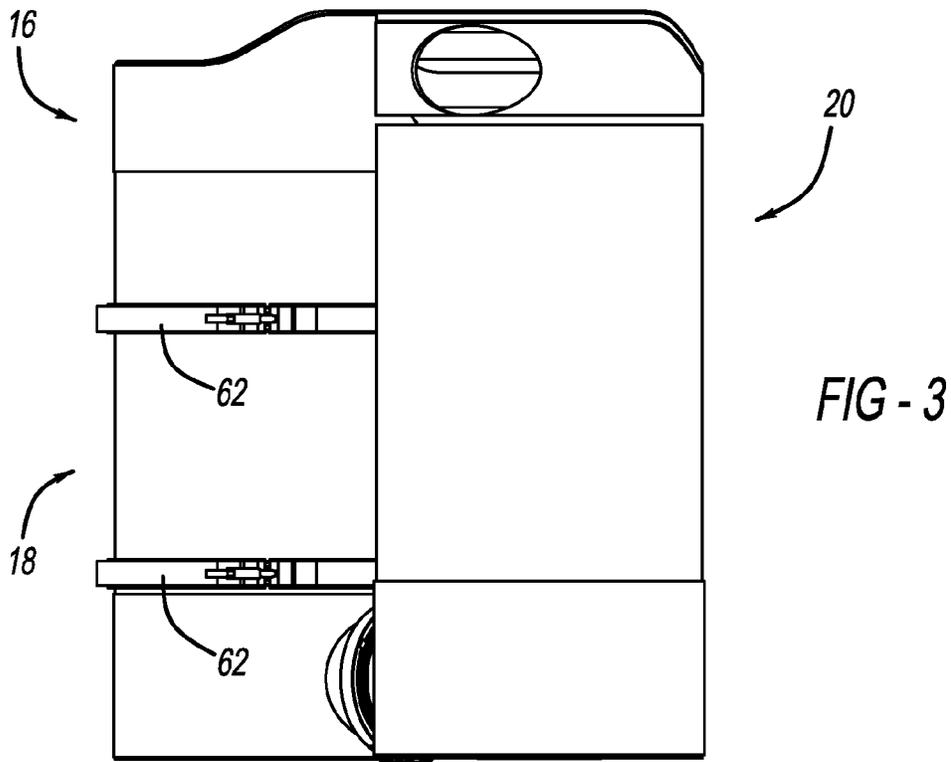


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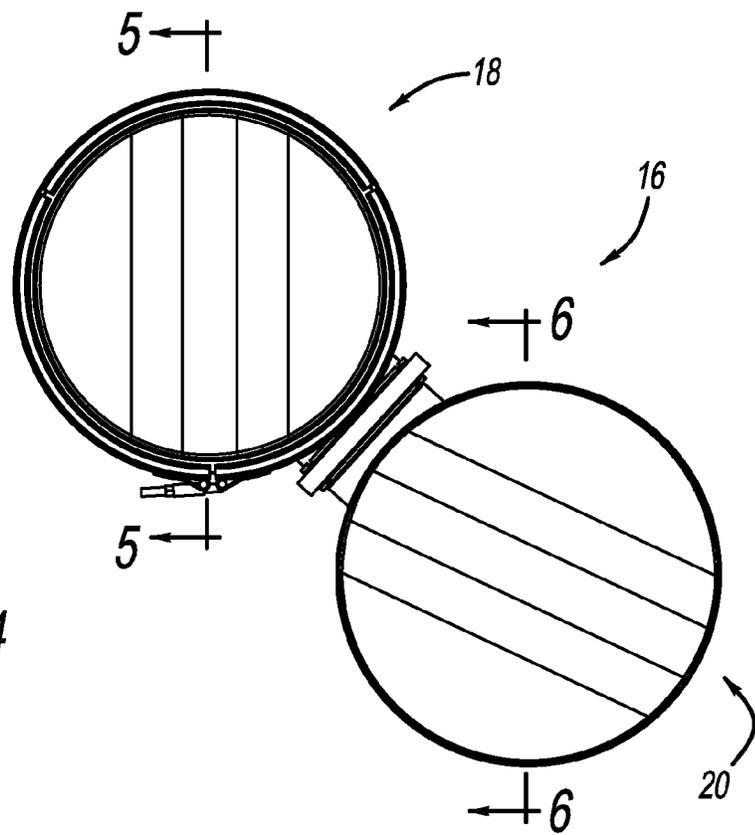
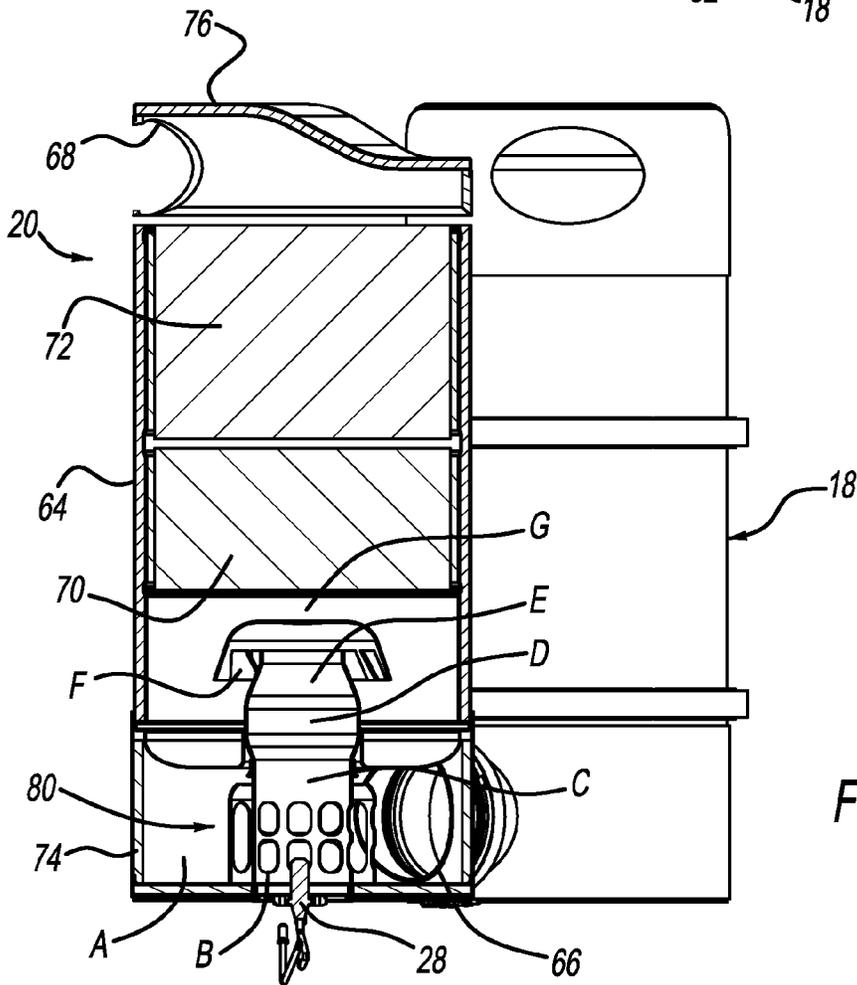
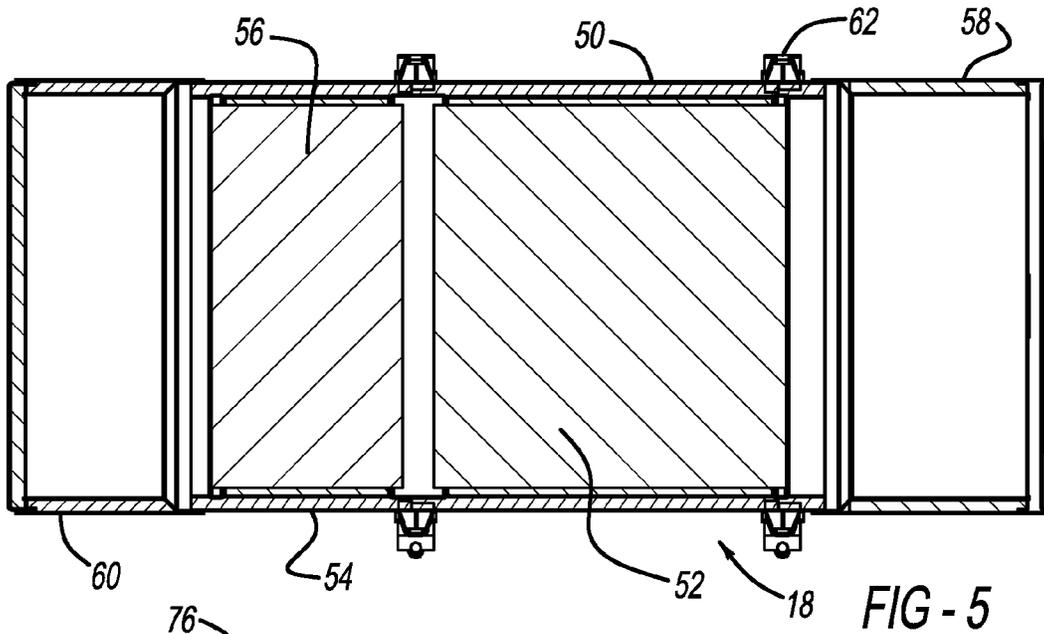
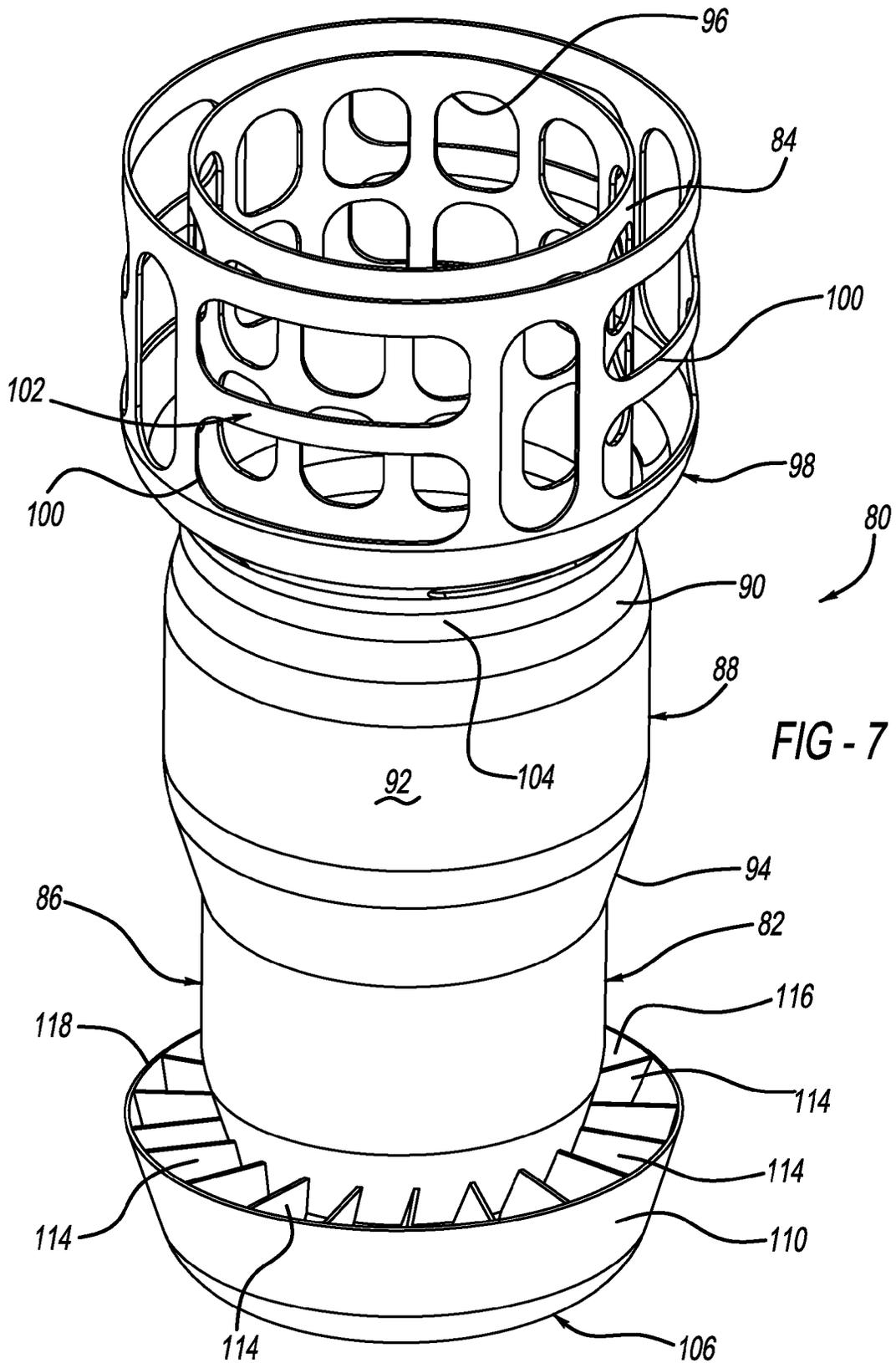


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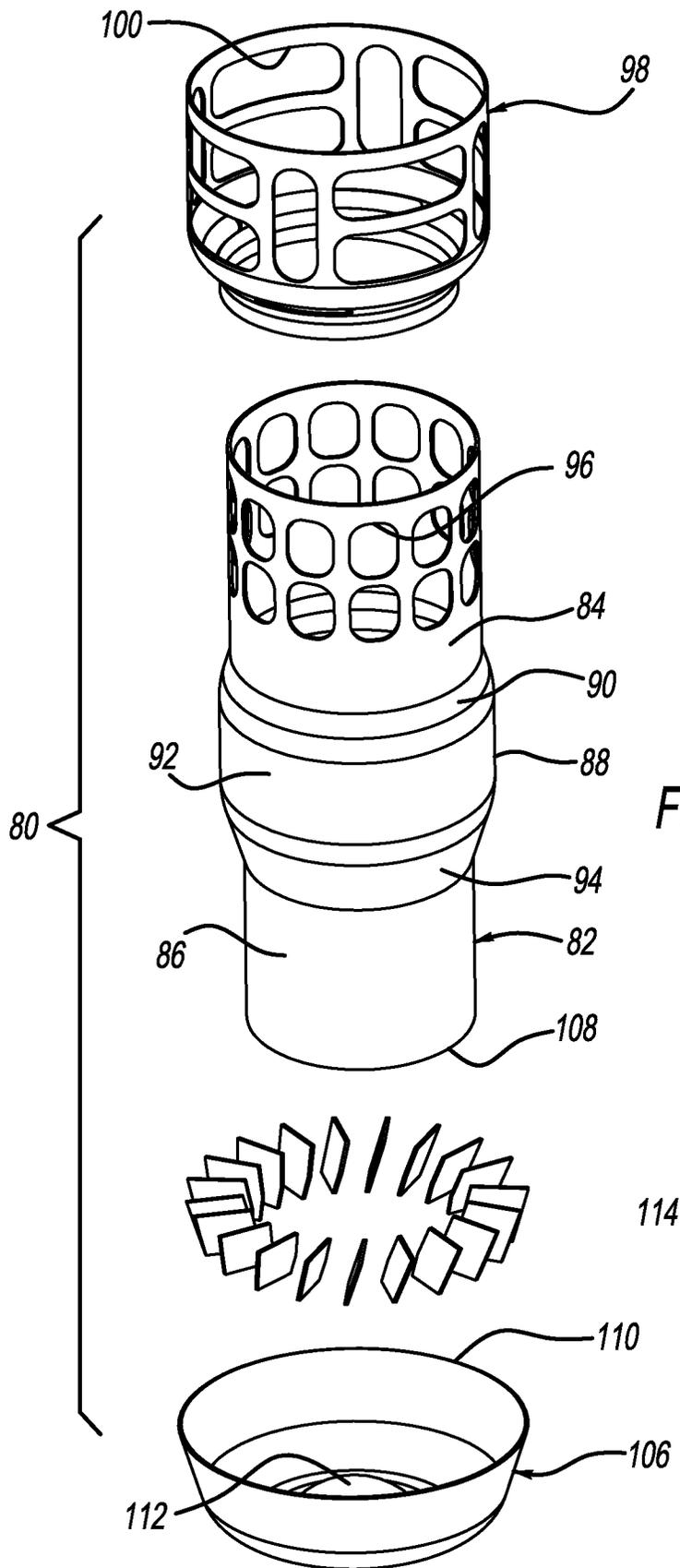
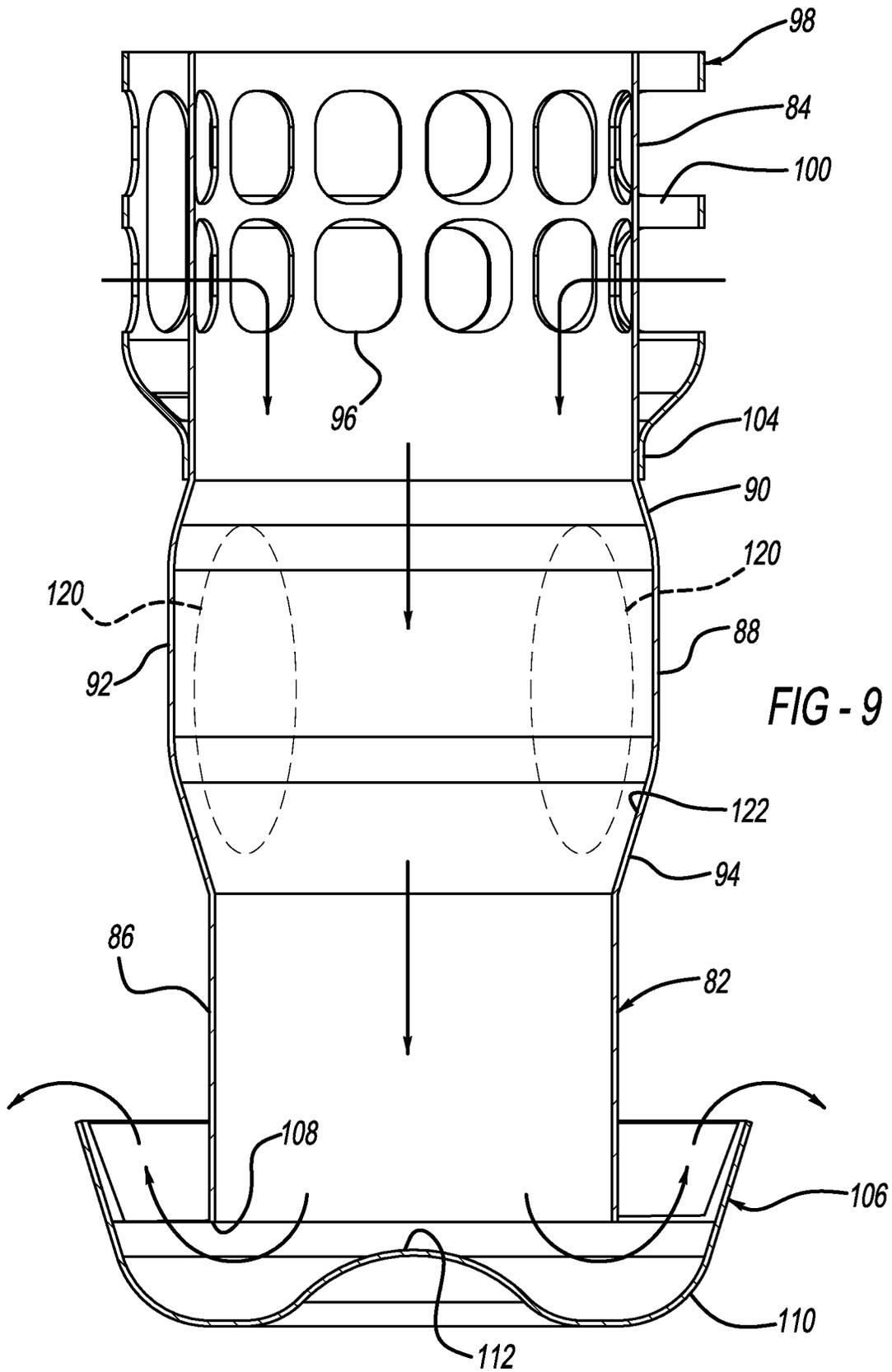


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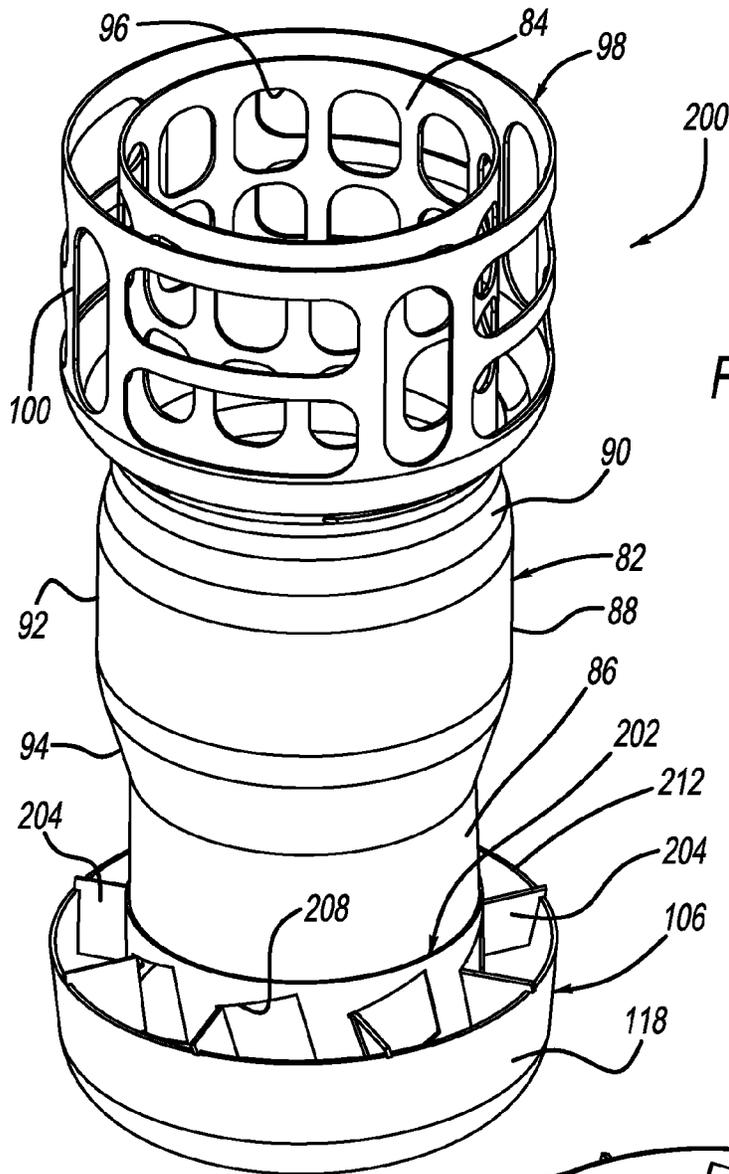


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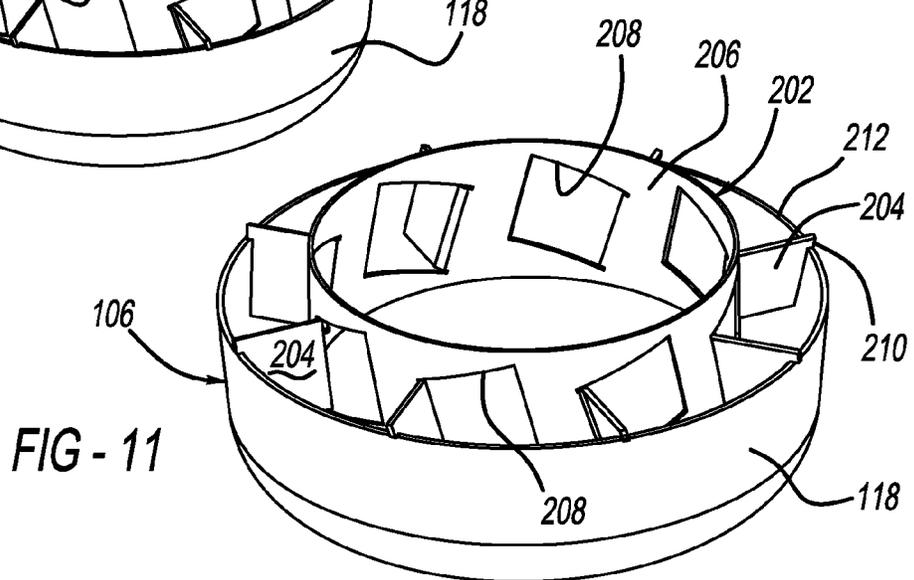


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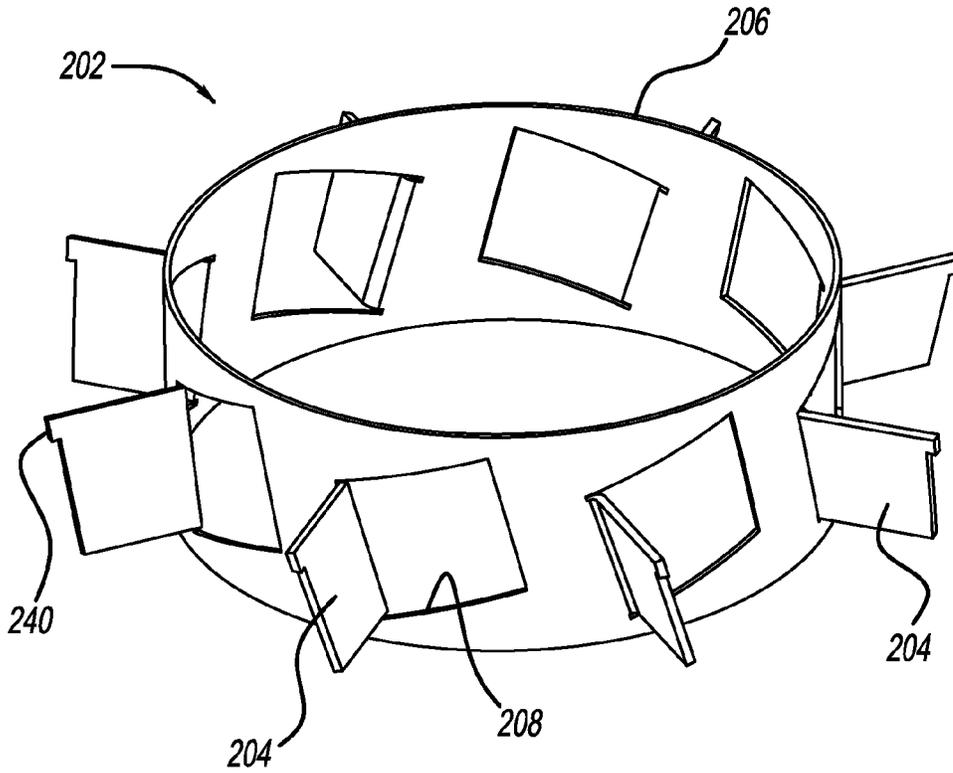


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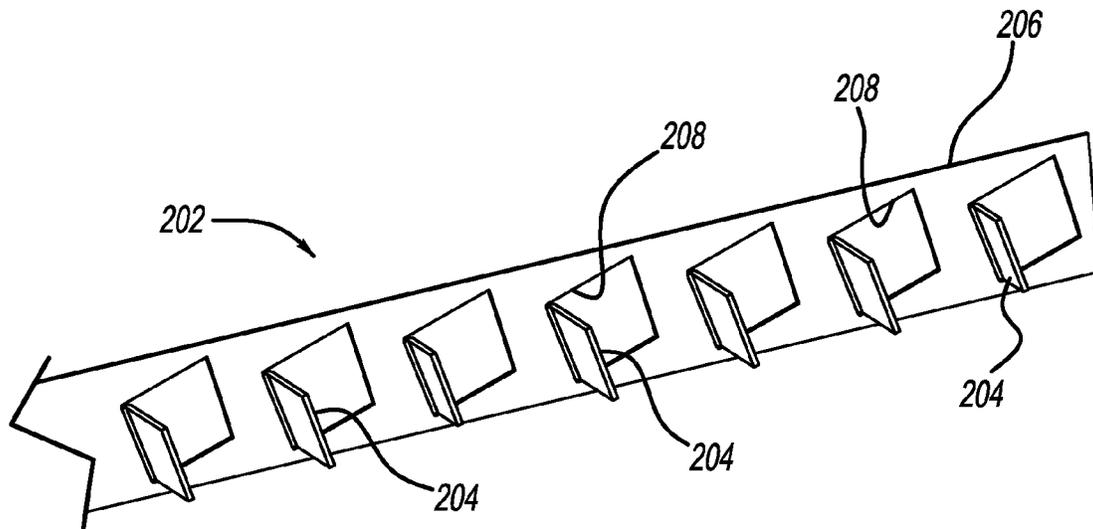
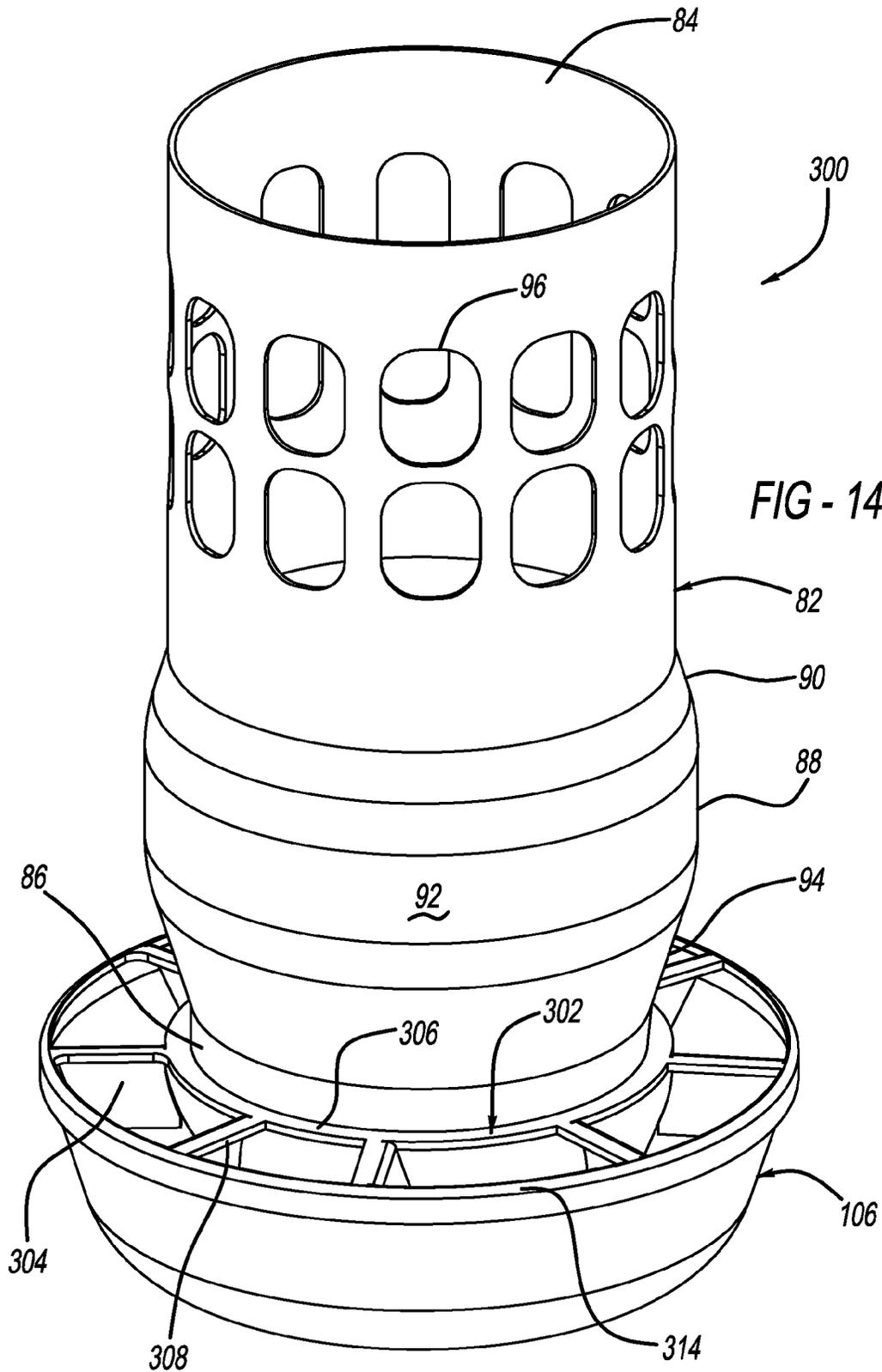


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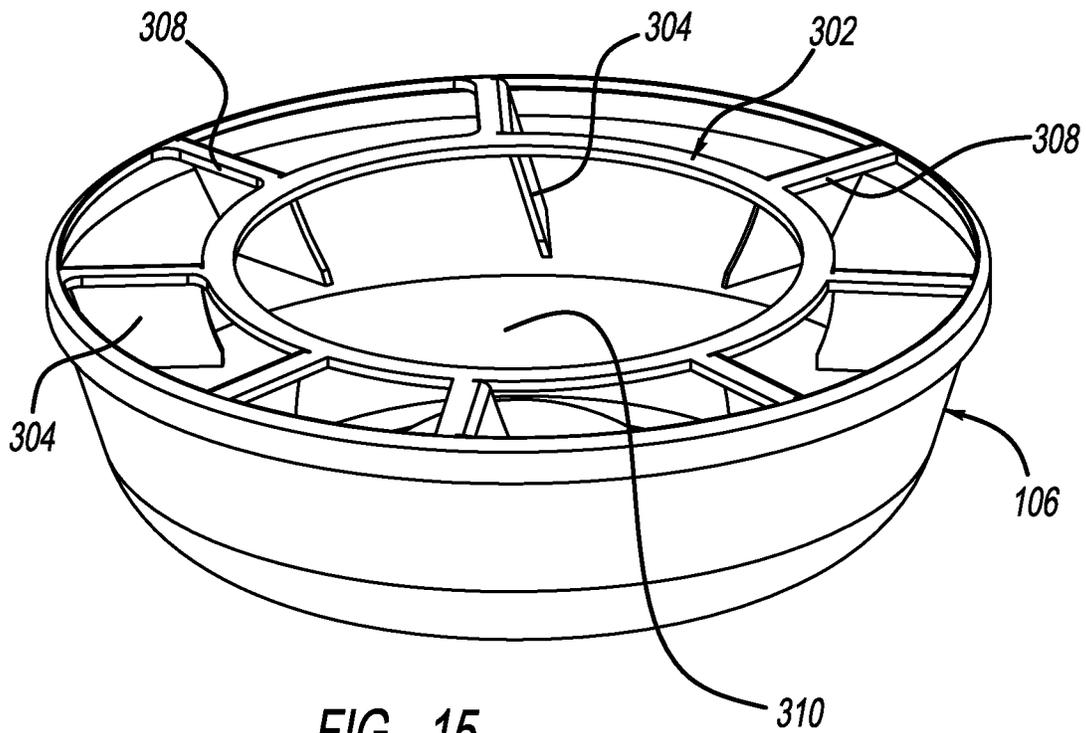


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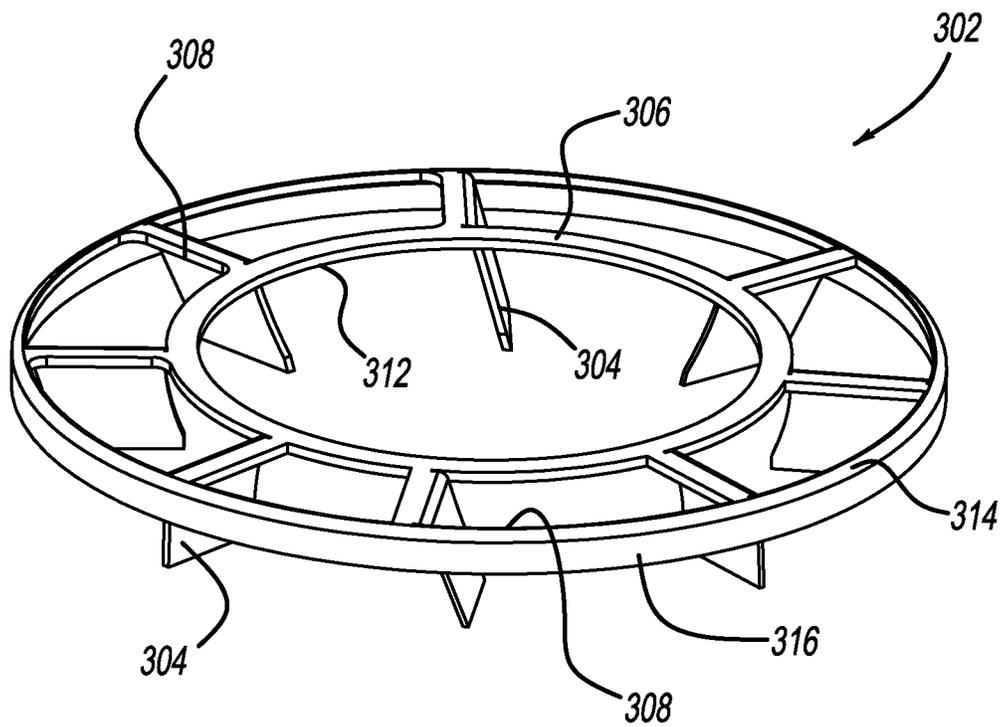
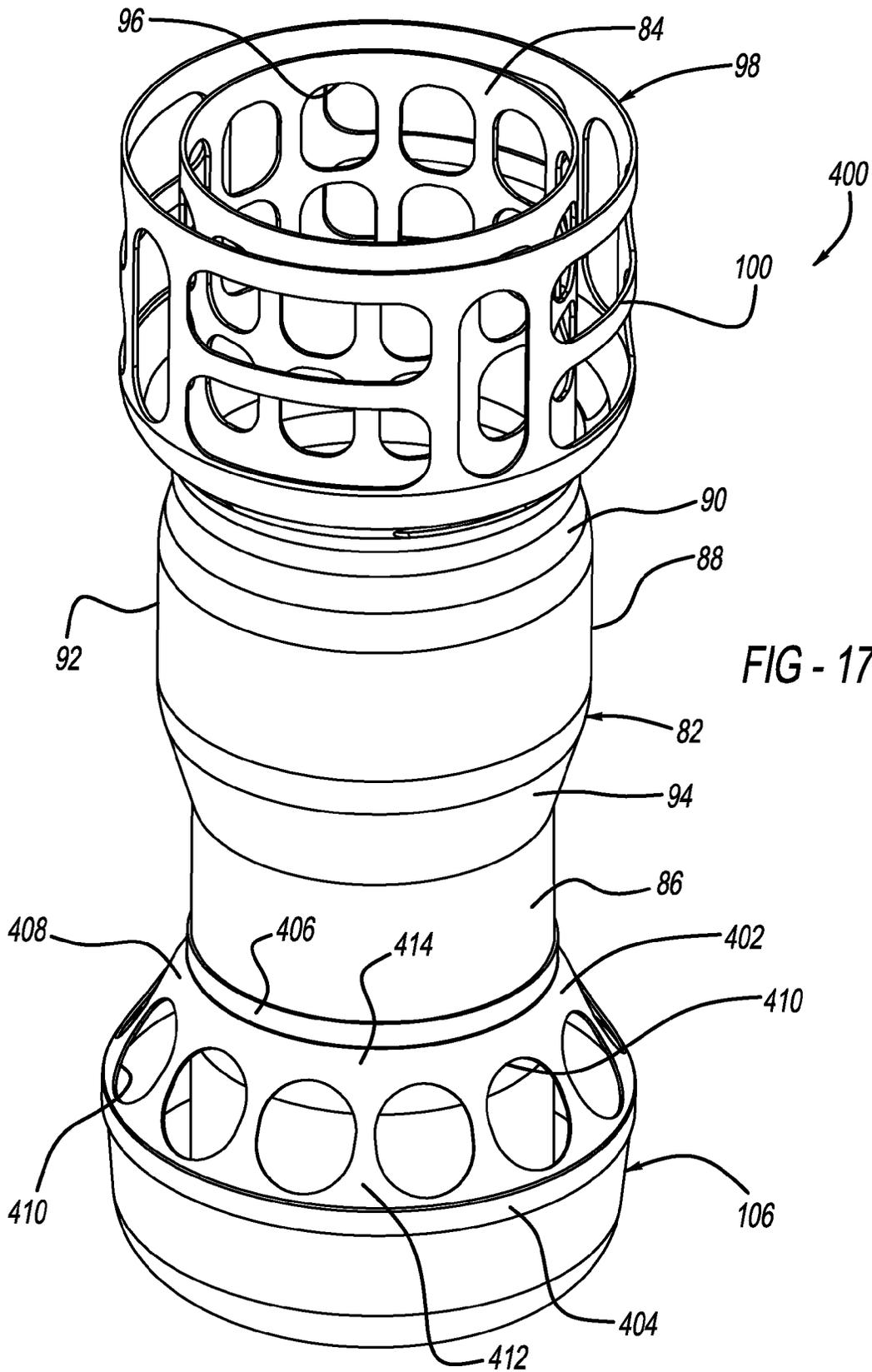
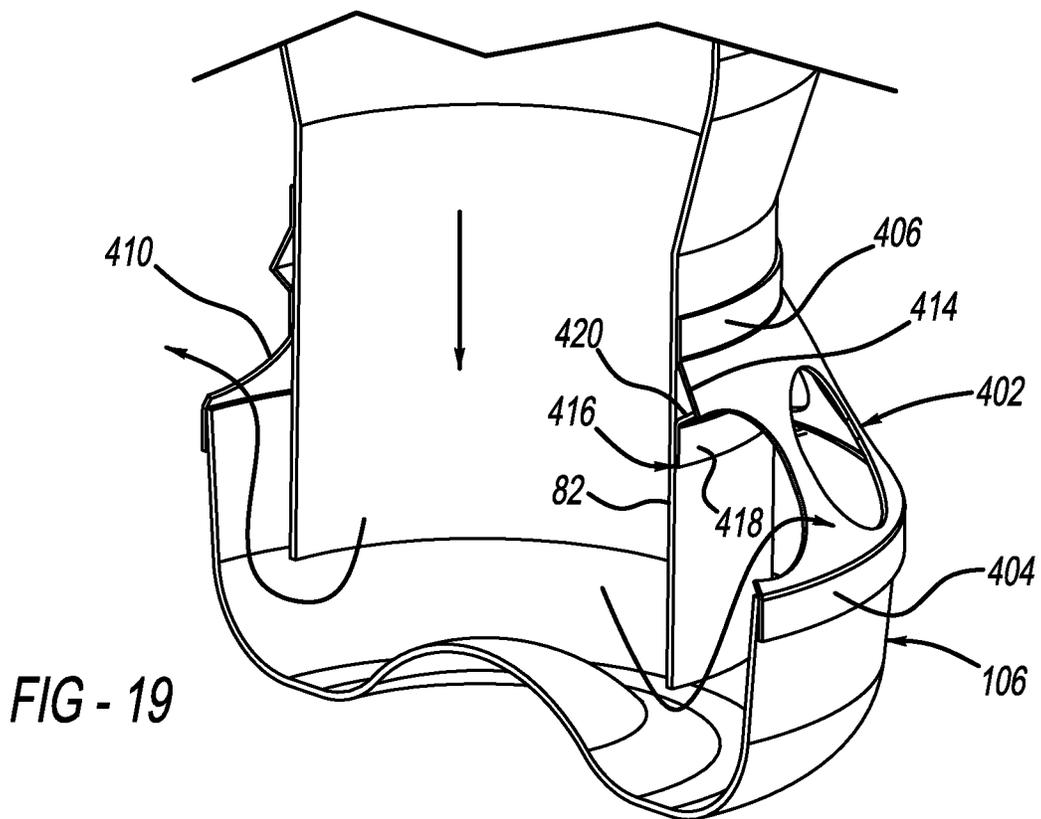
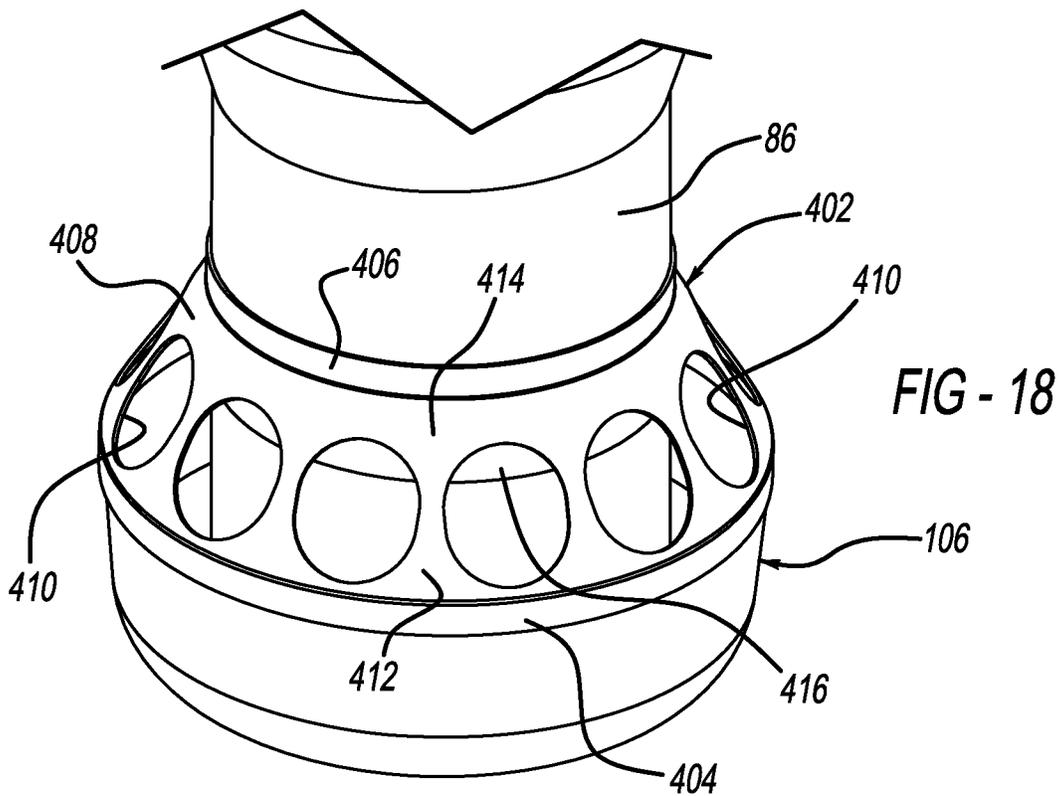


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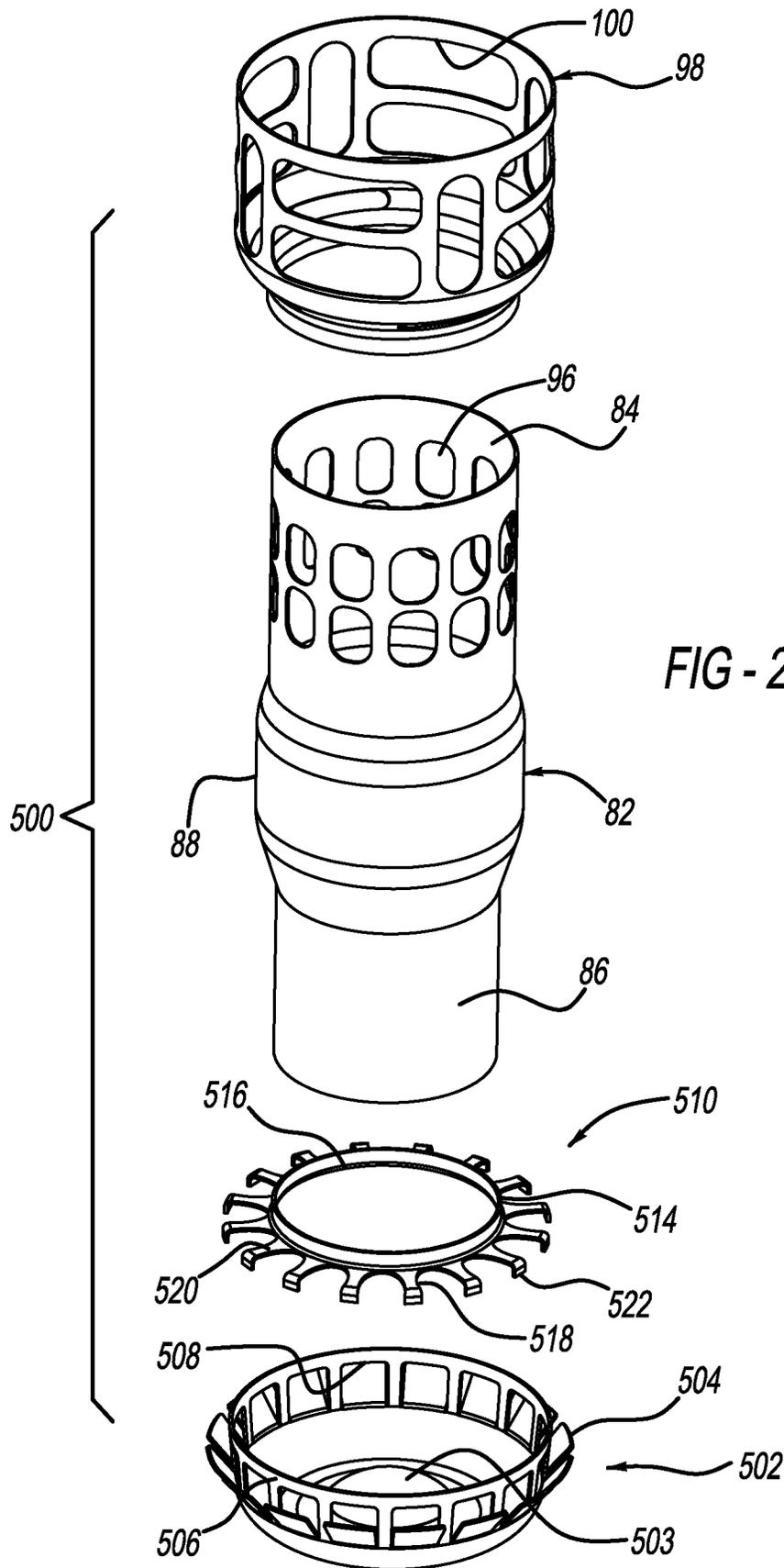


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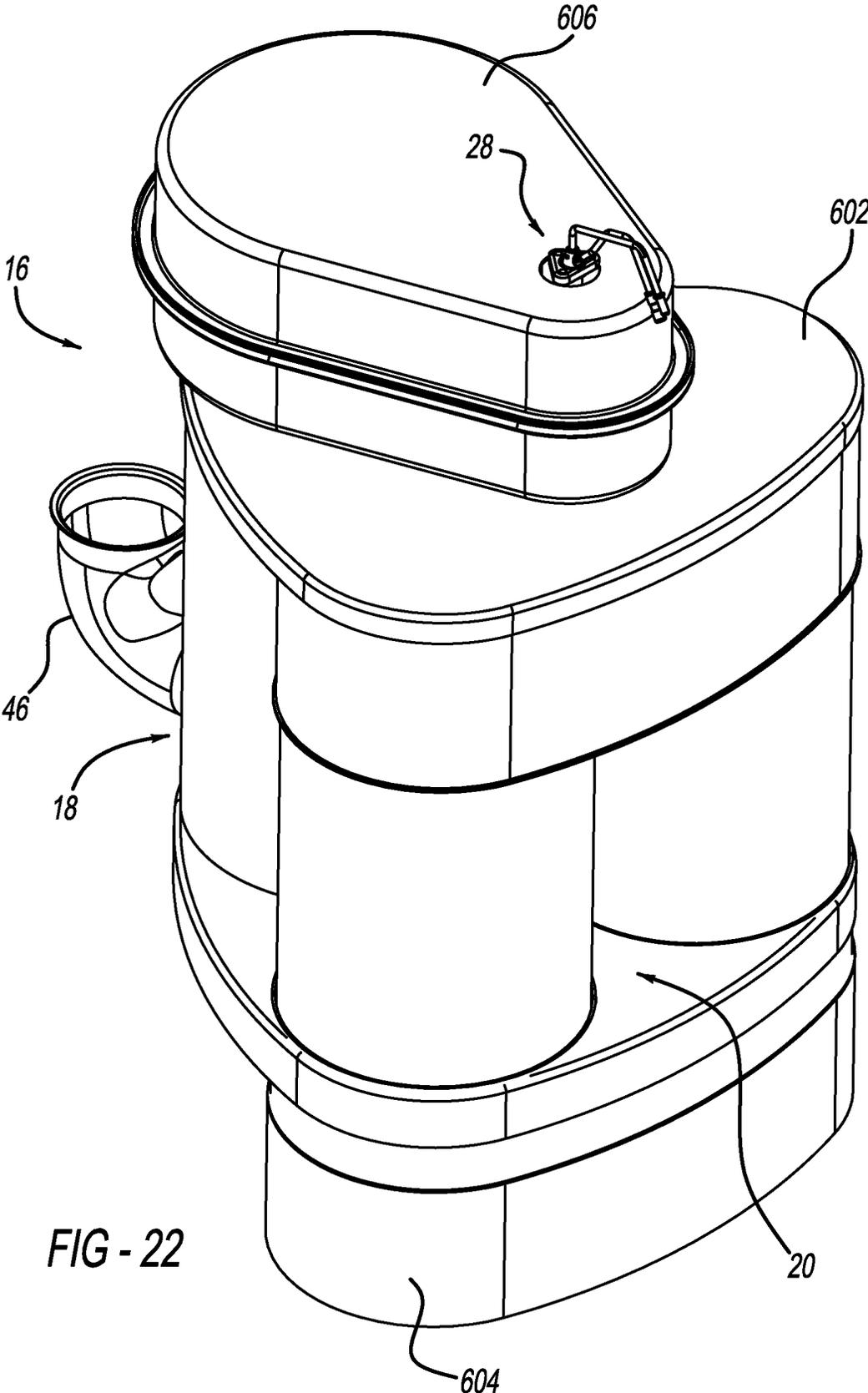


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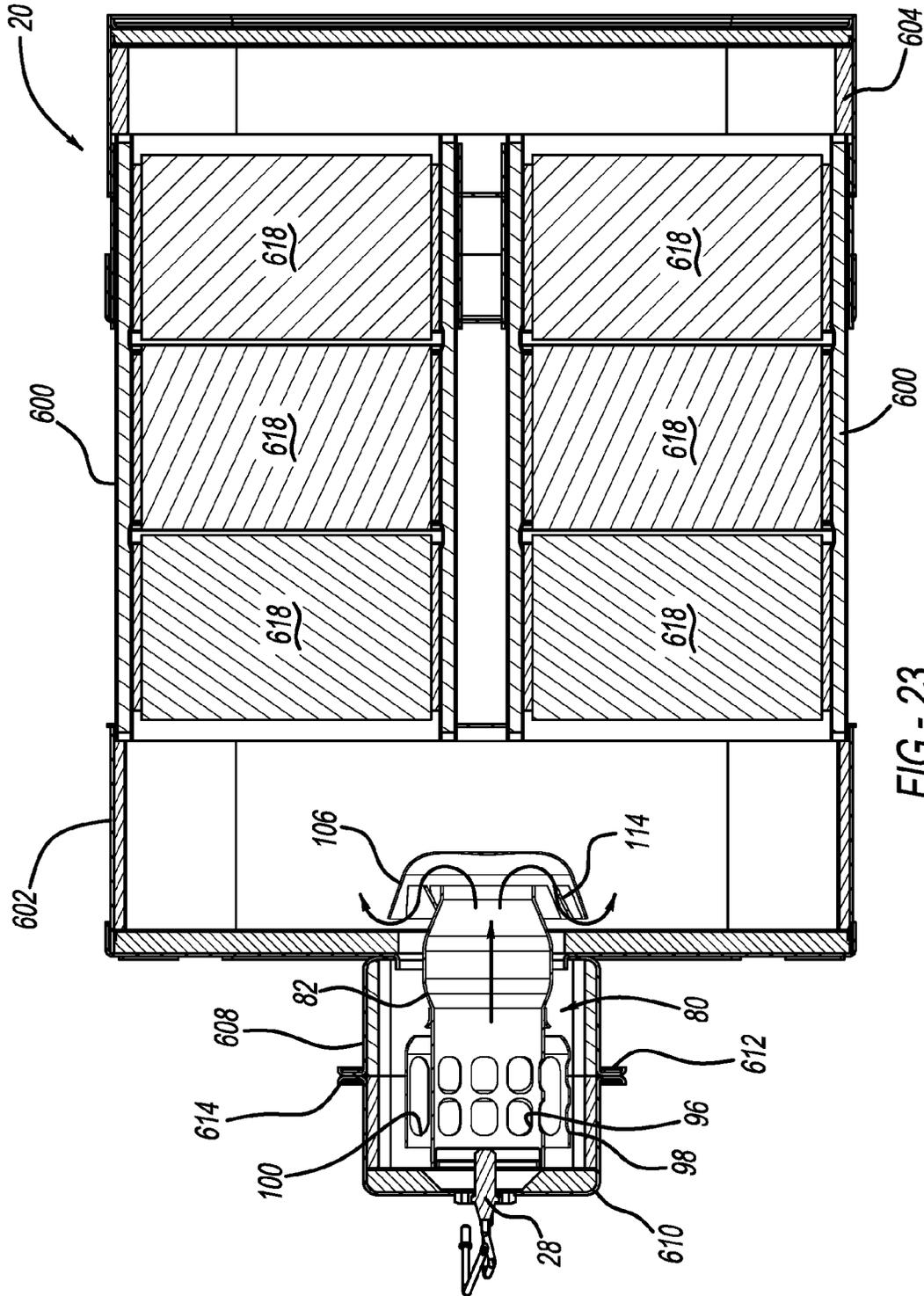


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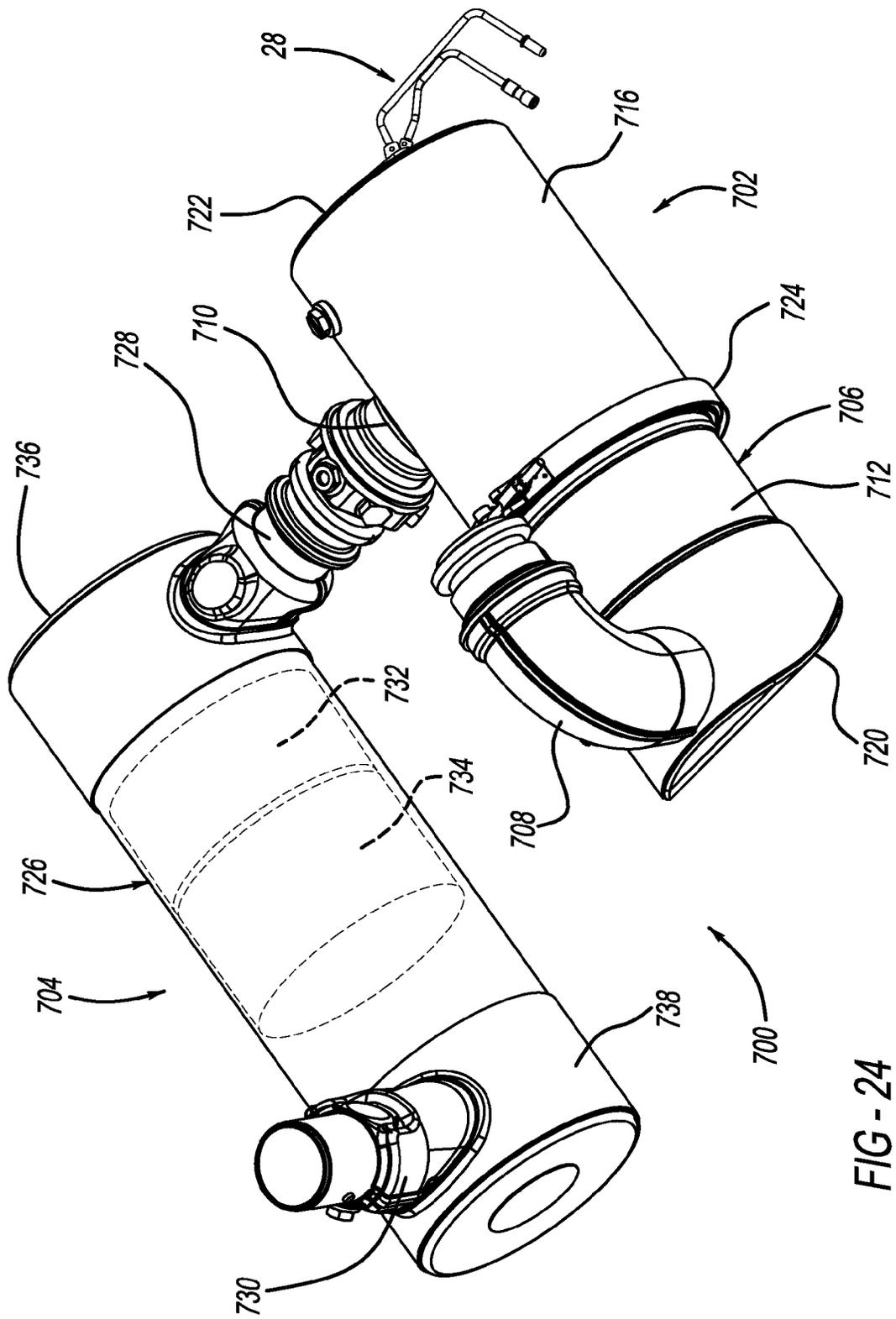


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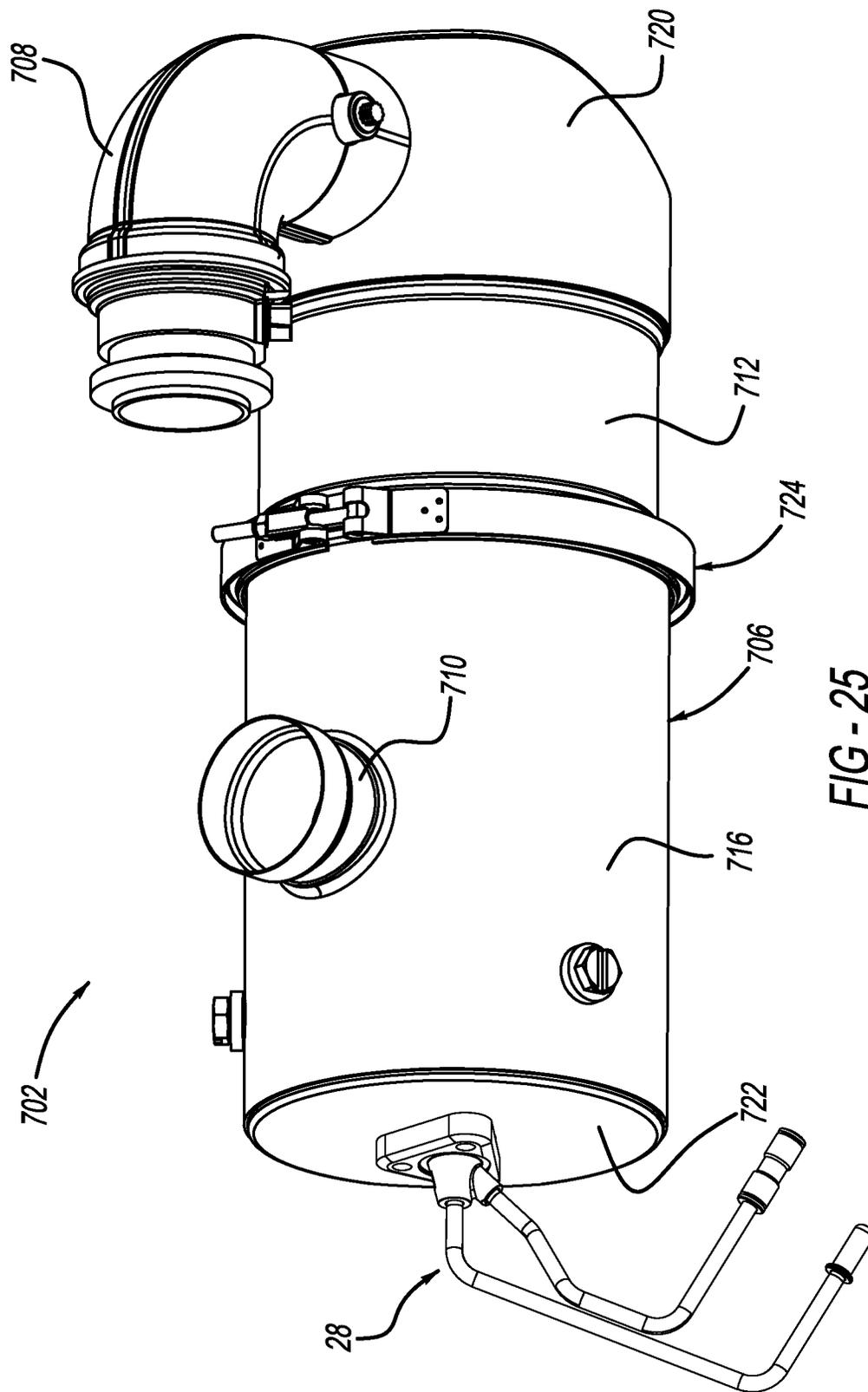


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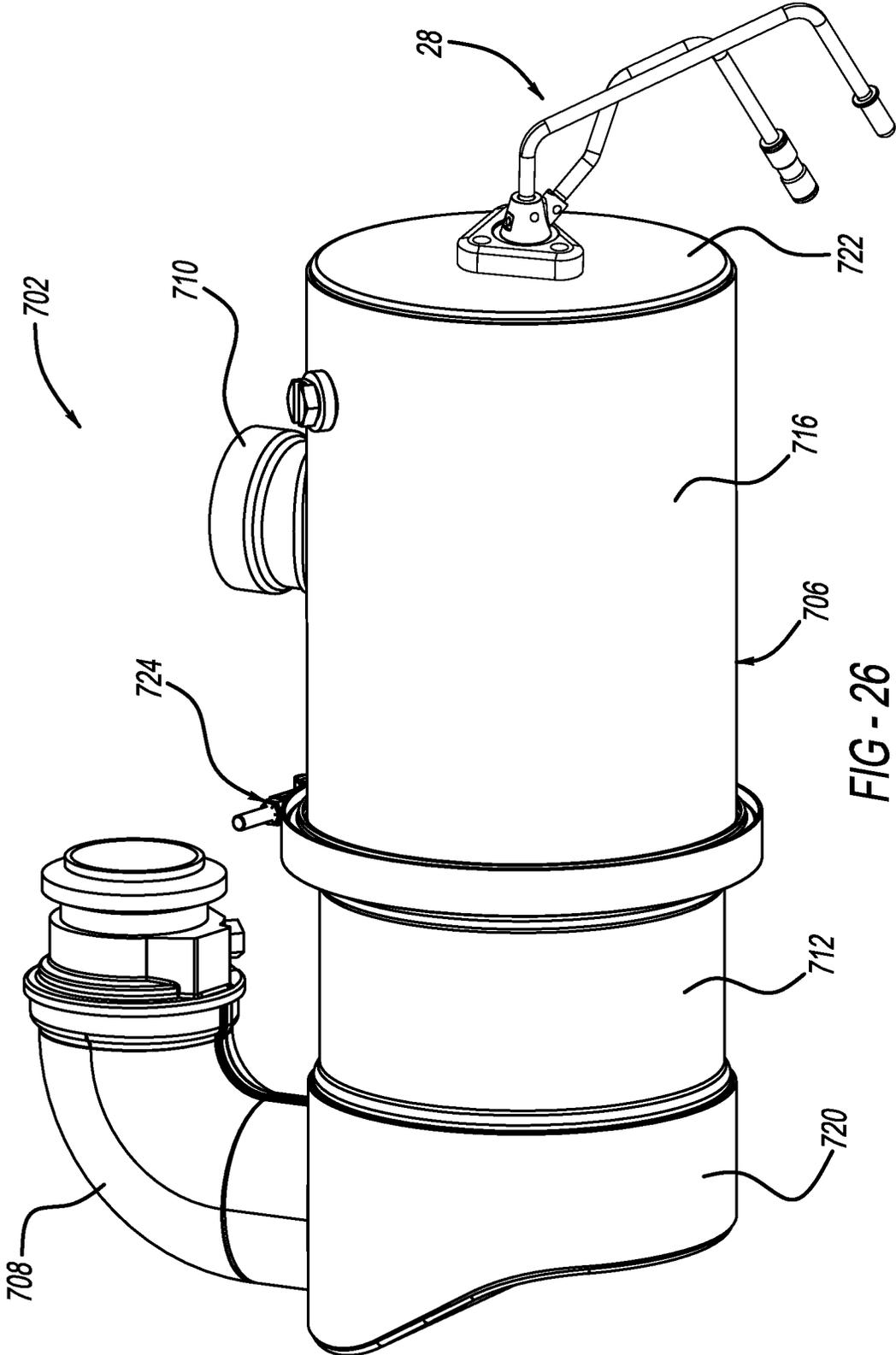


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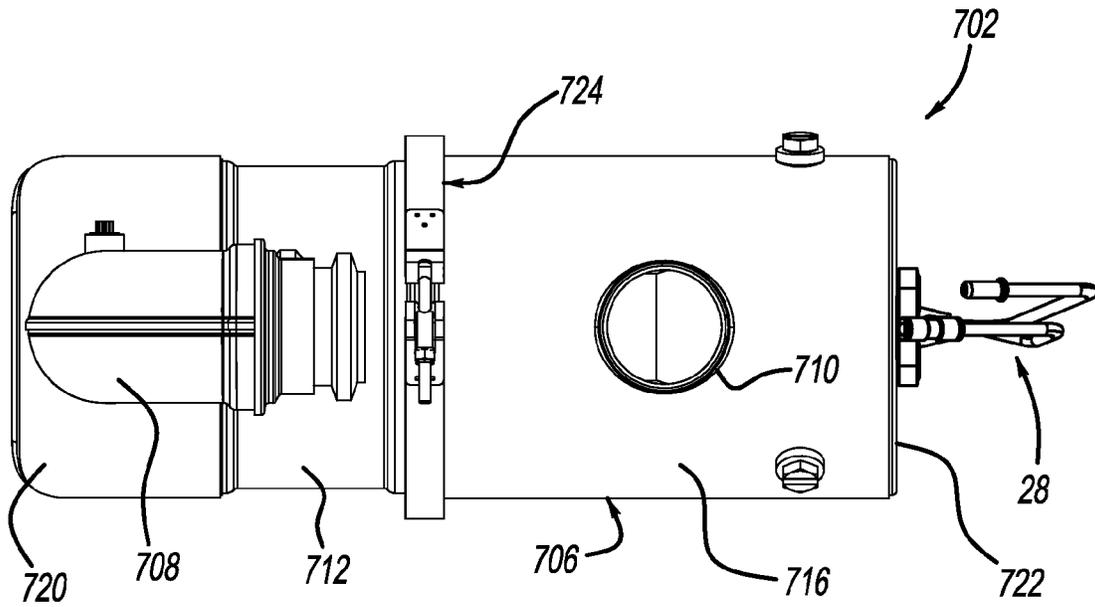


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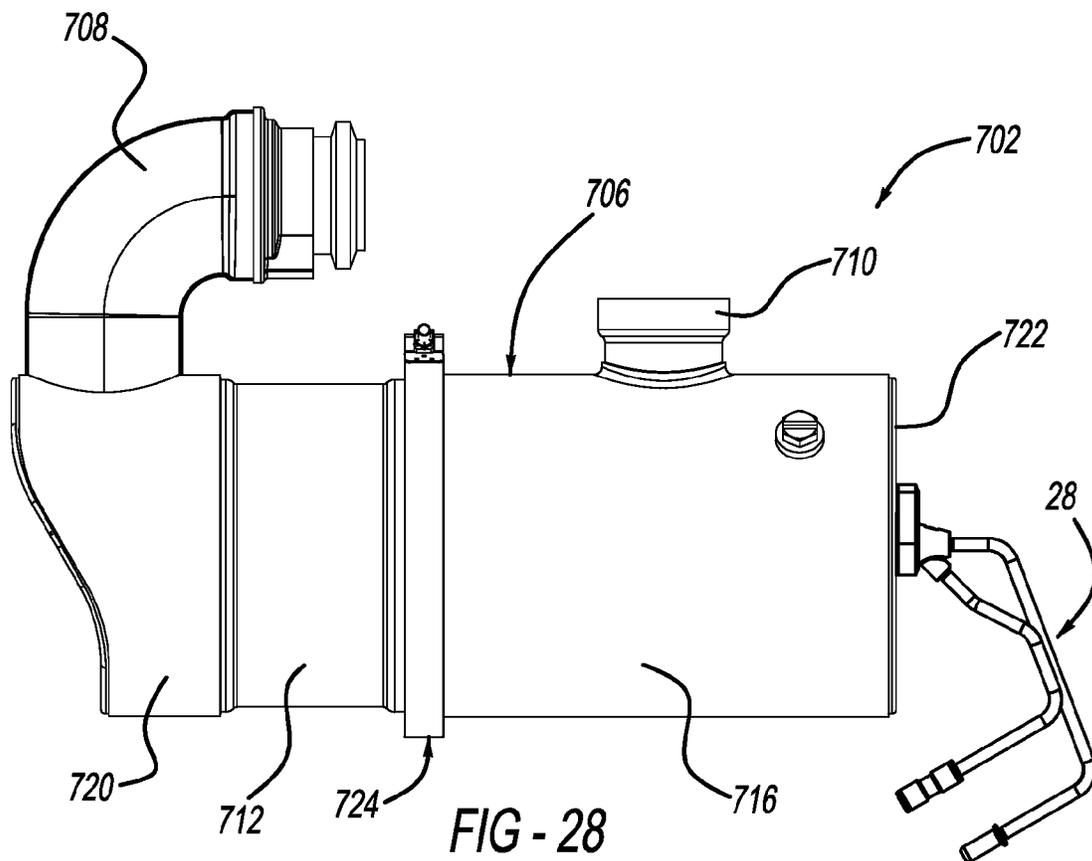


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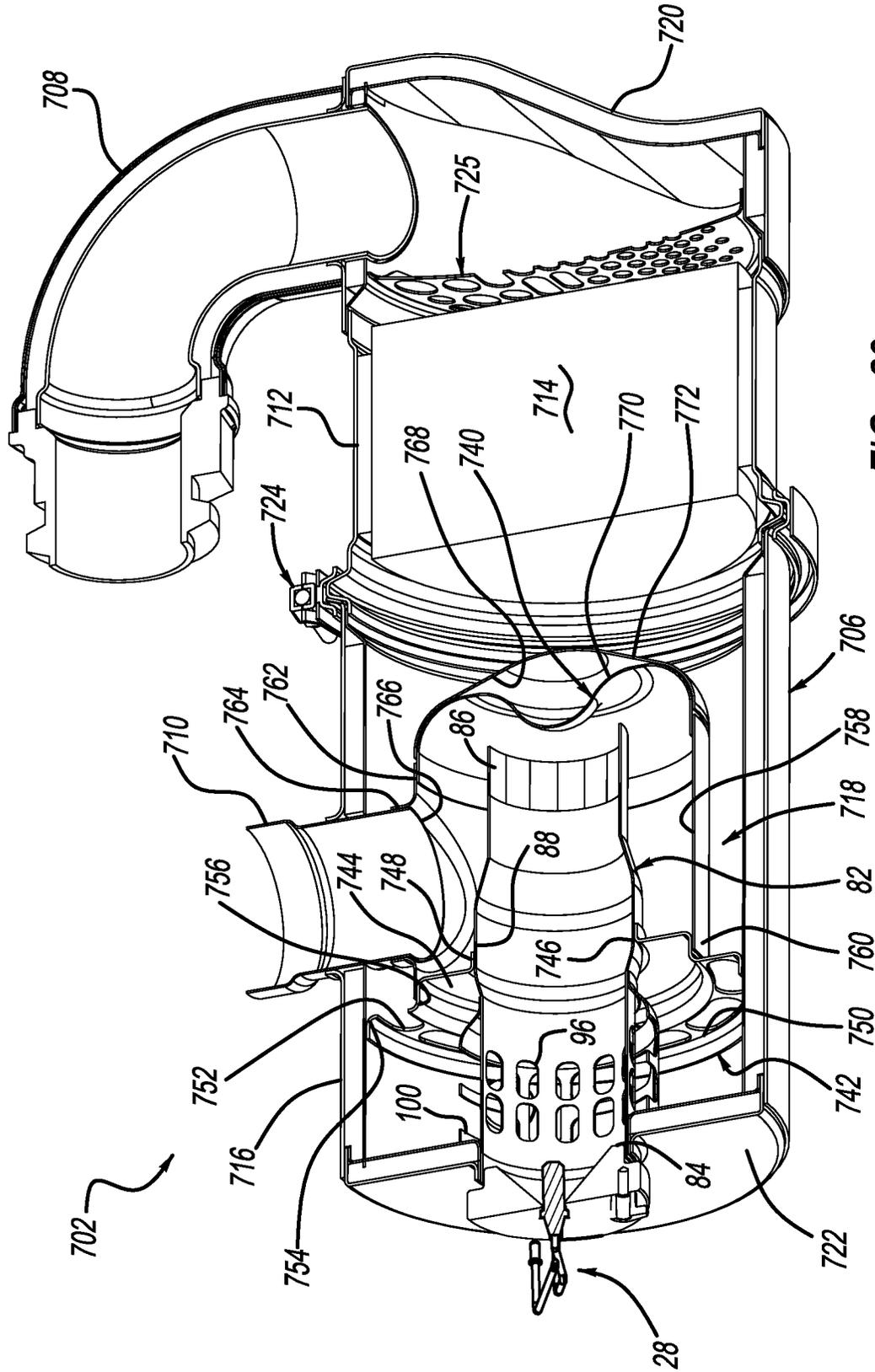


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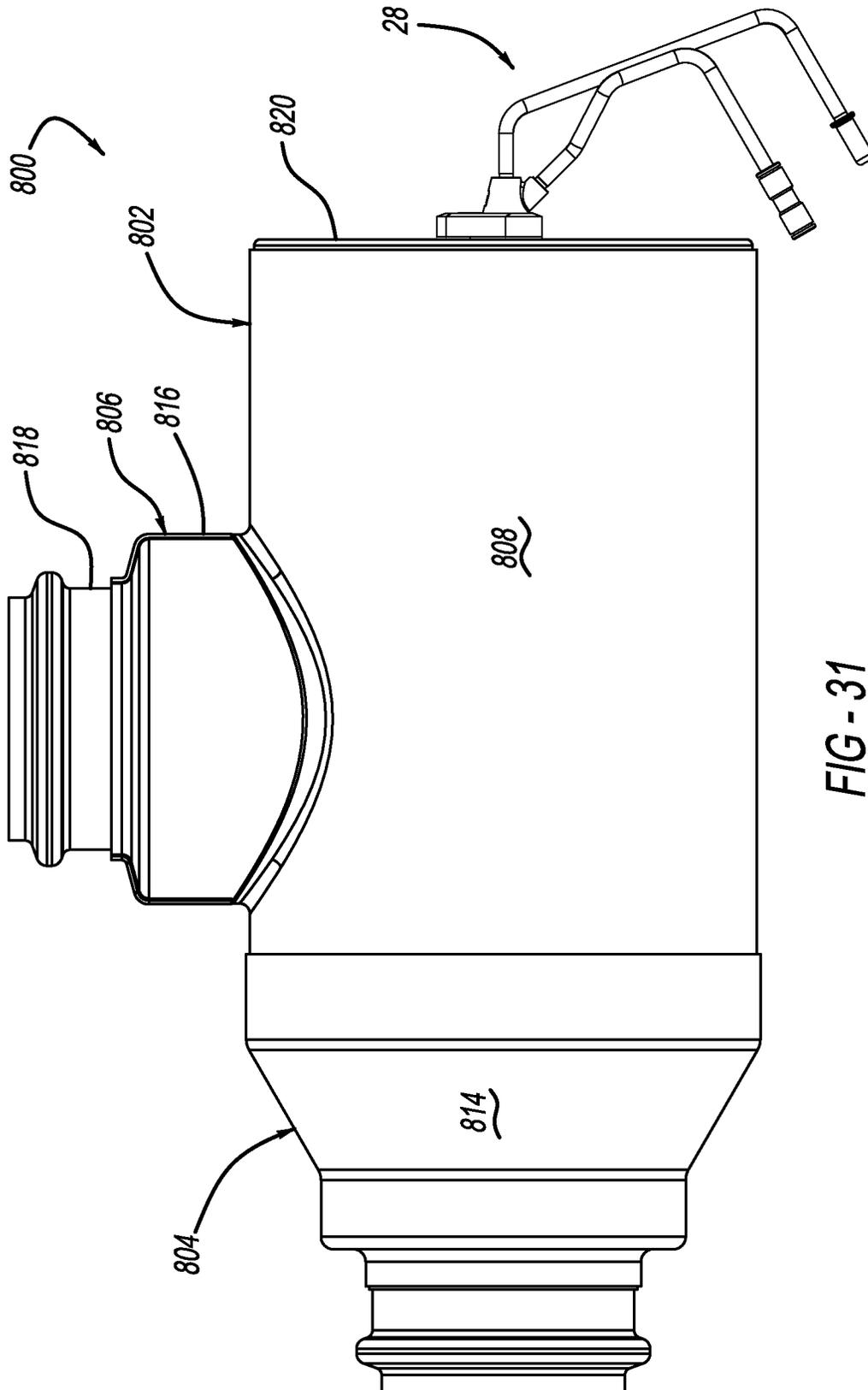


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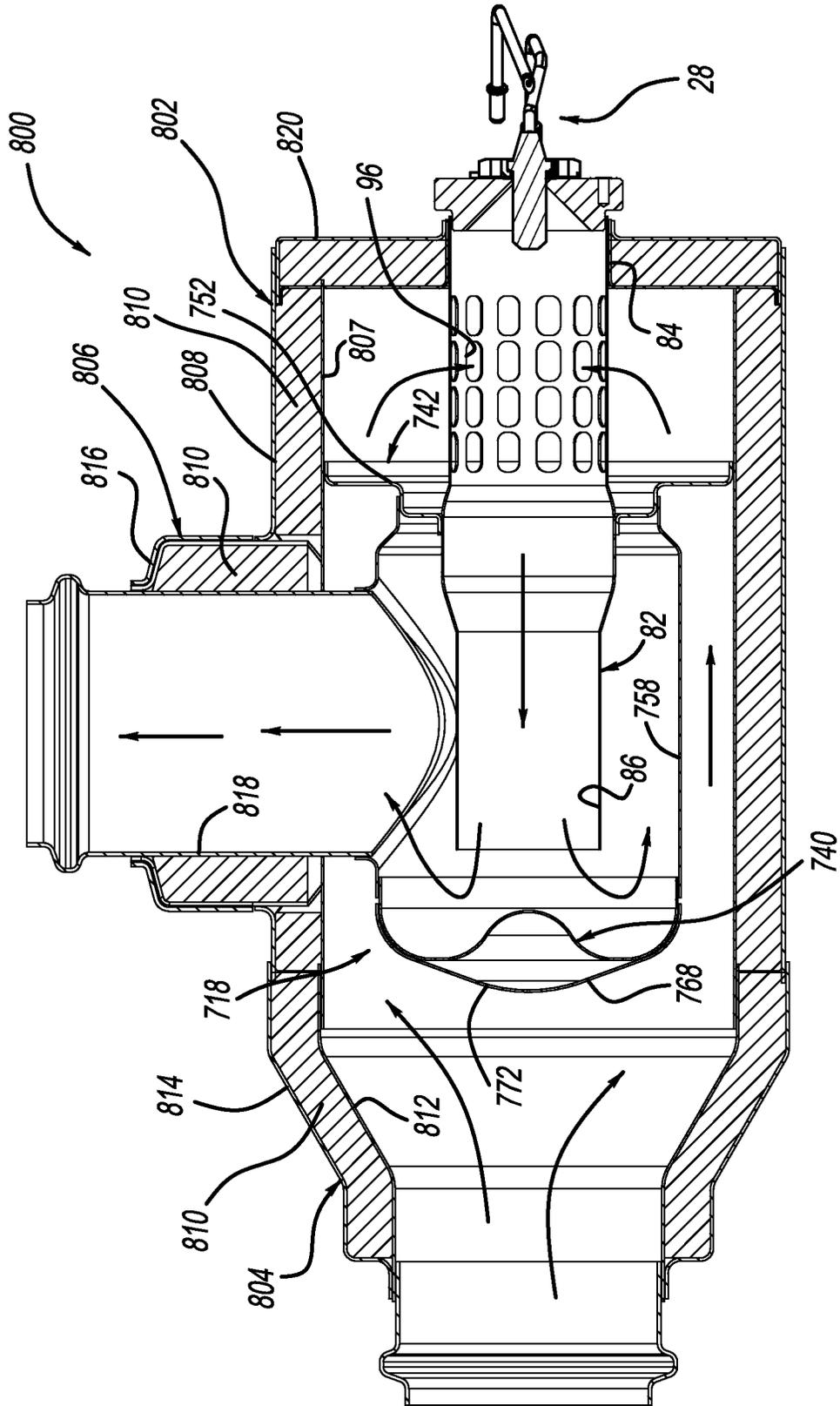


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AXIAL FLOW ATOMIZATION MODULE**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 13/888,861 filed on May 7, 2013. The entire disclosure of the above application is incorporated herein by reference.

FIELD

The present disclosure relates to an exhaust after-treatment system including an exhaust gas mixing device.

BACKGROUND

This section provides background information related to the present disclosure which is not necessarily prior art.

Exhaust after-treatment systems may dose a reagent exhaust treatment fluid into the exhaust stream before the exhaust stream passes through various exhaust after-treatment components. A urea exhaust treatment fluid, for example, may be dosed into the exhaust stream before the exhaust passes through a selective catalytic reduction (SCR) catalyst. The SCR catalyst is most effective, however, when the exhaust has sufficiently mixed with the urea exhaust treatment fluid.

SUMMARY

This section provides a general summary of the disclosure, and is not a comprehensive disclosure of its full scope or all of its features.

The present disclosure provides an exhaust treatment component for treating an engine exhaust including a housing including an inlet and an outlet. A mixing device is located within the housing between the inlet and the outlet, and the mixing device includes a shell communicating with the outlet, a decomposition tube having a first end and a second end, and a flow reversing device disposed proximate the second end. The first end extends from the shell and is configured to receive the exhaust from the inlet, and is configured to receive a reagent exhaust treatment fluid. The second end is positioned within the shell. The flow reversing device is configured to direct a mixture of the exhaust and reagent exhaust treatment fluid in predetermined directions into the shell, the flow reversing device reverses a flow direction of the exhaust back towards the first end of the decomposition tube.

Further areas of applicability will become apparent from the description provided herein. The description and specific examples in this summary are intended for purposes of illustration only and are not intended to limit the scope of the present disclosure.

DRAWINGS

The drawings described herein are for illustrative purposes only of selected embodiments and not all possible implementations, and are not intended to limit the scope of the present disclosure.

FIG. 1 is a schematic representation of an exhaust system according to a principle of the present disclosure;

FIG. 2 is a perspective view of an exhaust treatment component according to a principle of the present disclosure;

FIG. 3 is a side-perspective view of the exhaust treatment component illustrated in FIG. 2;

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FIG. 4 is a front-perspective view of the exhaust treatment component illustrated in FIG. 2;

FIG. 5 is a cross-sectional view along line 5-5 in FIG. 4;

FIG. 6 is a cross-sectional view along line 6-6 in FIG. 4;

FIG. 7 is a perspective view of a mixing assembly according to a first exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 8 is an exploded perspective view of the mixing assembly illustrated in FIG. 7;

FIG. 9 is a cross-sectional view of the mixing assembly illustrated in FIG. 7;

FIG. 10 is a perspective view of a mixing assembly according to a second exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 11 is a perspective view of a flow-reversing device and dispersion device of the mixing assembly illustrated in FIG. 10;

FIG. 12 is a perspective view of the dispersion device illustrated in FIG. 11 in an assembled state;

FIG. 13 is another perspective view of the dispersion device illustrated in FIG. 11 in an un-assembled state;

FIG. 14 is a perspective view of a mixing assembly according to a third exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 15 is a perspective view of a flow-reversing device and dispersion device of the mixing assembly illustrated in FIG. 14;

FIG. 16 is a perspective view of the dispersion device illustrated in FIG. 15;

FIG. 17 is a perspective view of a mixing assembly according to a fourth exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 18 is a partial-perspective view of the mixing assembly illustrated in FIG. 17;

FIG. 19 is a perspective cross-sectional view of FIG. 17;

FIG. 20 is a perspective view of a mixing assembly according to a fifth exemplary embodiment of the present disclosure;

FIG. 21 is an exploded perspective view of the mixing assembly illustrated in FIG. 20;

FIG. 22 is a perspective view of an exhaust treatment component according to a principle of the present disclosure;

FIG. 23 is a cross-sectional view of the exhaust treatment component illustrated in FIG. 22;

FIG. 24 is a perspective view of an exhaust after-treatment system according to a principle of the present disclosure;

FIG. 25 is a perspective view of an exhaust treatment component that forms part of the exhaust after-treatment system illustrated in FIG. 24;

FIG. 26 is another perspective view of the exhaust treatment component illustrated in FIG. 25;

FIG. 27 is a top-perspective view of the exhaust treatment component illustrated in FIG. 25;

FIG. 28 is a side-perspective view of the exhaust treatment component illustrated in FIG. 25;

FIG. 29 is a cross-sectional perspective view of the exhaust treatment component illustrated in FIG. 25;

FIG. 30 is a cross-sectional view of the exhaust treatment component illustrated in FIG. 25;

FIG. 31 is a side-perspective view of an exhaust treatment component according to a principle of the present disclosure; and

FIG. 32 is a cross-sectional view of the exhaust treatment component illustrated in FIG. 31.

Corresponding reference numerals indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Example embodiments will now be described more fully with reference to the accompanying drawings.

FIG. 1 schematically illustrates an exhaust system 10 according to the present disclosure. Exhaust system 10 can include at least an engine 12 in communication with a fuel source (not shown) that, once consumed, will produce exhaust gases that are discharged into an exhaust passage 14 having an exhaust after-treatment system 16. Downstream from engine 12 can be disposed a pair of exhaust treatment components 18 and 20, which can include catalyst-coated substrates or filters 22 and 24. Catalyst-coated substrates or filters 22 and 24 can be any combination of a diesel particulate filter (DPF), a diesel oxidation catalyst (DOC), a selective catalytic reduction (SCR) component, a lean NO_x catalyst, an ammonia slip catalyst, or any other type of exhaust treatment device known to one skilled in the art. If a DPF is used, it may be catalyst-coated.

Although not required by the present disclosure, exhaust after-treatment system 16 can further include components such as a thermal enhancement device or burner 26 to increase a temperature of the exhaust gases passing through exhaust passage 14. Increasing the temperature of the exhaust gas is favorable to achieve light-off of the catalyst in the exhaust treatment component 18 in cold-weather conditions and upon start-up of engine 12, as well as initiate regeneration of the exhaust treatment component 18 when the exhaust treatment substrate 22 or 24 is a DPF.

To assist in reduction of the emissions produced by engine 12, exhaust after-treatment system 16 can include a dosing module 28 for periodically dosing an exhaust treatment fluid into the exhaust stream. As illustrated in FIG. 1, dosing module 28 can be located upstream of exhaust treatment component 18, and is operable to inject an exhaust treatment fluid into the exhaust stream. In this regard, dosing module 28 is in fluid communication with a reagent tank 30 and a pump 32 by way of inlet line 34 to dose an exhaust treatment fluid such as diesel fuel or urea into the exhaust passage 14 upstream of exhaust treatment components 18 and 20. Dosing module 28 can also be in communication with reagent tank 30 via return line 36. Return line 36 allows for any exhaust treatment fluid not dosed into the exhaust stream to be returned to reagent tank 30. Flow of the exhaust treatment fluid through inlet line 34, dosing module 28, and return line 36 also assists in cooling dosing module 28 so that dosing module 28 does not overheat. Although not illustrated in the drawings, dosing module 28 can be configured to include a cooling jacket that passes a coolant around dosing module 28 to cool it.

The amount of exhaust treatment fluid required to effectively treat the exhaust stream may vary with load, engine speed, exhaust gas temperature, exhaust gas flow, engine fuel injection timing, desired NO_x reduction, barometric pressure, relative humidity, EGR rate and engine coolant temperature. A NO_x sensor or meter 38 may be positioned downstream from exhaust treatment component 18. NO_x sensor 38 is operable to output a signal indicative of the exhaust NO_x content to an engine control unit 40. All or some of the engine operating parameters may be supplied from engine control unit 40 via the engine/vehicle databus to a reagent electronic dosing controller 42. The reagent electronic dosing controller 42 could also be included as part of the engine control unit 40. Exhaust gas temperature, exhaust gas flow and exhaust back pressure and other vehicle operating parameters may be measured by respective sensors, as indicated in FIG. 1.

The amount of exhaust treatment fluid required to effectively treat the exhaust stream can also be dependent on the size of the engine 12. In this regard, large-scale diesel engines used in locomotives, marine applications, and stationary applications can have exhaust flow rates that exceed the capacity of a single dosing module 28. Accordingly, although

only a single dosing module 28 is illustrated for dosing exhaust treatment fluid, it should be understood that multiple dosing modules 28 for reagent injection are contemplated by the present disclosure.

Referring to FIGS. 2-6, an exemplary configuration of exhaust treatment components 18 and 20 is illustrated. As best shown in FIG. 2, exhaust treatment components 18 and 20 are arranged parallel to one another. It should be understood, however, that exhaust treatment components 18 and 20 can be arranged substantially co-axially, without departing from the scope of the present disclosure.

Exhaust treatment component 18 may include a housing 44, an inlet 46, and an outlet 48. Inlet 46 may be in communication with exhaust passage 14, and outlet 48 may be in communication with exhaust treatment component 20. Although outlet 48 is illustrated as being directly connected to exhaust treatment component 20, it should be understood that an additional conduit (not shown) may be positioned between outlet 48 and exhaust treatment component 20. The additional conduit can be non-linear such that the flow of exhaust through the conduit must turn before entering exhaust treatment component 20. Housing 44 can be cylindrically-shaped and may include a first section 50 supporting a DOC 52, and a second section 54 supporting DPF 56. Although DOC 52 is illustrated as being upstream of DPF 56, it should be understood that DPF 56 can be positioned upstream of DOC 52 without departing from the scope of the present disclosure. Opposing ends of housing 44 can include end caps 58 and 60 to hermetically seal housing 44. End caps 58 and 60 can be slip-fit and welded to first and second sections 50 and 54, respectively. First and second sections 50 and 54 may be secured by clamps 62. The use of clamps 62 allows for easy removal of DOC 52 or DPF 56 for maintenance, cleaning, or replacement of these components. Exhaust from exhaust passage 14 will enter inlet 46, pass through DOC 52 and DPF 56, and exit outlet 48 before entering exhaust treatment component 20.

Exhaust treatment component 20 is substantially similar to exhaust treatment component 18. In this regard, exhaust treatment component 20 may include a housing 64, an inlet 66, and an outlet 68. Inlet 66 communicates with outlet 48 of exhaust treatment component 18, and outlet 68 may be in communication with a downstream section of exhaust passage 14.

Housing 64 can be cylindrically-shaped and may support an SCR 70 and ammonia slip catalyst 72. SCR is preferably located upstream of ammonia slip catalyst 72. Opposing ends of housing 64 can include end caps 74 and 76 to hermetically seal housing 64. End caps 74 and 76 can be slip-fit and welded to housing 64. Alternatively, end caps 74 and 76 can be secured to housing 64 by clamps (not shown). Exhaust from outlet 48 of exhaust treatment component 18 will enter inlet 66, pass through SCR 70 and ammonia slip catalyst 72, and exit outlet 68 before entering the downstream section of exhaust passage 14.

Dosing module 28 may be positioned on end cap 74 at a location proximate inlet 66. Dosing module 28 is operable to inject a reductant such as a urea exhaust treatment fluid into the exhaust stream before the exhaust stream passes through SCR 70. A sufficient intermingling of the exhaust and exhaust treatment fluid should occur to optimize the removal of NO_x from the exhaust stream during as the mixture passes through SCR 70. To assist in intermingling of the exhaust stream and the urea exhaust treatment fluid, a mixing assembly 80 may be positioned downstream from inlet 66 and upstream of SCR 70. Mixing assembly 80 is positioned proximate dosing module 28 such that dosing module 28 may dose the urea exhaust

treatment fluid directly into mixing assembly 80 where it may intermingle with the exhaust stream.

FIGS. 7-9 illustrate a first exemplary embodiment of mixing assembly 80. Mixing assembly 80 includes a decomposition tube 82 including a first end portion 84 that may be secured to end cap 74 and a second end portion 86 that is positioned proximate SCR 70. Decomposition tube 82 may be substantially cylindrical, with a radially expanded portion 88 positioned between the first and second end portions 84 and 86. Radially expanded portion 88 includes a conically-expanding portion 90 that expands the decomposition tube 82, a cylindrical portion 92 downstream from the conically-expanding portion 90 having a diameter that is greater than that of first and second end portions 84 and 86, and a conically-narrowing portion 94 that narrows decomposition tube 82. It should be understood that first and second end portions 84 and 86 may have different diameters, without departing from the scope of the present disclosure. It should also be understood that the present disclosure does not require conically-narrowing portion 94. That is, radially expanded portion 88 may extend over the entire length of second end portion 86.

First end portion 84 may be perforated such that first end portion 84 includes a plurality of first perforations 96. First perforations 96 can vary in size around the circumference of first end portion 84, and assist in creating turbulence and increasing a velocity of the exhaust stream as it enters decomposition tube 82. Although not required by the present disclosure, a perforated collar 98 including a plurality of second perforations formed as elongate slots 100 may be positioned around and secured to first end portion 84. Perforated collar 98 includes a cylindrical portion 102 having a diameter greater than that of first end portion 84. Cylindrical portion 102 radially narrows into an axially-extending flange 104 that may be fixedly coupled to decomposition tube 82 at a position proximate radially expanded portion 88 by welding, brazing, or any other secure attachment method known to one skilled in the art.

Elongate slots 100 may be dimensioned larger than first perforations 96. Elongate slots 100 can be oriented in various directions including directions parallel with an axis of decomposition tube 82, and directions arranged orthogonal to the axis of decomposition tube 82. It should be understood, however, that each elongate slot 100 can be oriented in the same direction without departing from the scope of the present disclosure. Similar to first perforations 96, elongate slots 100 assist in creating turbulence and increasing a velocity of the exhaust stream as it enters decomposition tube 82.

Mixing assembly 80 includes a flow reversing device 106 at second end portion 86. Flow reversing device 106 may be fixed to second end portion 86, or may be supported by a baffle (not shown) that secures flow reversing device 106 to end cap 74 at a position proximate terminal edge 108 of second end portion 86. Flow reversing device 106 is a substantially cup-shaped member 110 having a central bulge 112 formed therein. Flow reversing device 106 has a diameter greater than that of second end portion 86 of decomposition tube 82 such that as the exhaust flow enters the cup-shaped member 110, the exhaust flow will be forced to flow in a reverse direction back toward inlet 66 of housing 64. The reversing of the exhaust flow assists in intermingling of the reagent exhaust treatment fluid and the exhaust stream before the exhaust stream reaches SCR 70.

Flow reversing device 106 may include a plurality of deflecting members 114 to further assist in intermingling the reagent exhaust treatment fluid and the exhaust stream.

Deflecting members 114 may be formed as a plurality of vanes that extend radially inward from an inner surface 116 of outer wall 118 of flow reversing device 106. In addition to extending radially inward, vanes 114 may also be angled relative to an axis of decomposition tube 82 to further direct the exhaust flow as it exits flow reversing device 106. Vanes 114 may be planar members, or may be slightly curved. Although vanes 114 are illustrated as being secured to inner surface 116 of flow-reversing device 106, it should be understood that vanes 114 may be secured to second end portion 86 of decomposition tube 82.

As illustrated in FIG. 6, mixing assembly 80 may be arranged in a direction orthogonal to an axis of inlet 66. The exhaust stream, therefore, will enter mixing assembly 80 orthogonally before being directed toward SCR 70. As the exhaust stream enters first end 84 of decomposition tube 82, a velocity of the exhaust stream may increase and the flow of the exhaust stream will become tortuous due to first and second perforations 96 and 100. As the exhaust enters radially expanded portion 88, the flow may tend to stay along the axis of the decomposition tube 82. Although the velocity of the exhaust stream may slow, the velocity only slows to a minimal extent that ensures satisfactory intermingling of the exhaust and reagent exhaust treatment fluid. In this regard, radially expanded portion 88 diffuses the turbulence in the exhaust flow created by perforations 96 and 100, which aids in minimizing any potential loss in velocity. Table 1, below, summarizes the peak velocity of the exhaust stream at various regions within exhaust treatment component 20.

TABLE 1

Region	Peak Velocity (m/s)
A	84
B	120
C	102
D	102
E	120
F	120
G	25

As can be seen in Table 1 and FIG. 6, as the exhaust stream enters from inlet 66, the exhaust may have a peak velocity of 84 m/s (Region A). As the exhaust enters mixing assembly 80 through collar 98 and first end portion 84 of decomposition tube 82, the velocity may increase (Region B). The increase in velocity at region B creates a large velocity differential between a velocity of the exhaust treatment fluid injected by dosing module 28 and the exhaust gas flowing through perforations 96 and 100. The velocity differential of the bulk exhaust flow results in aerodynamic forces greater than the surface tension characteristic of the exhaust treatment fluid, which leads to droplet breakup and atomization of the exhaust treatment fluid.

Then, as the exhaust enters radially expanded portion 88, the exhaust may slightly slow (Regions C and D). As the exhaust exits radially expanded portion and enters flow reversing device 106, the velocity may then increase (Regions E and F). The exhaust velocity may then decrease as the exhaust reaches SCR 70 (Region G). Because the exhaust velocity increases at a location (Region B) where the exhaust treatment fluid is dosed into the exhaust stream, and increases as it exits flow reversing device 106, the exhaust and exhaust treatment fluid can be sufficiently intermingled to ensure satisfactory atomization of the exhaust treatment fluid.

Regardless, while the exhaust stream is in radially expanded portion 88 (Region D), zones 120 of low velocity

flow are present at positions adjacent inner walls 122 of decomposition tube 82 (FIG. 9). These zones 120 surround the exhaust stream as it passes through radially expanded portion 88, and assist in preventing wetting of inner walls 122 with the reagent exhaust treatment fluid. The prevention of the inner walls 122 being wetted prevents, or at least substantially minimizes, the build-up of solid urea deposits on the inner walls 122.

As the exhaust stream enters second end portion 86 of decomposition tube 82, a velocity of the exhaust stream will again increase and remain increased as it enters and exits flow reversing device 106. Upon entry into flow reversing device 106, the flow direction of the exhaust stream will be reversed back toward inlet 66. As the exhaust flow exits flow reversing device 106, the exhaust will be directed by vanes 114, which will assist in further intermingling of the exhaust and reagent exhaust treatment fluid. Additionally, the exhaust stream may impinge upon conically-narrowing portion 94 of decomposition tube 82, which can further assist in directing the exhaust stream away from mixing assembly 80. The exhaust stream is then free to flow towards SCR 70.

Now referring to FIGS. 10 to 13, a second exemplary mixing assembly 200 will be described. Mixing assembly 200 is similar to mixing assembly 80 illustrated in FIGS. 7 to 9. Description of components that are common to each assembly, therefore, is omitted herein for clarity. Mixing assembly 200 includes deflecting device 202 including a plurality of deflecting members 204. As best shown in FIG. 13, deflecting device 202 may be formed from an elongate strip 206 of metal such as aluminum, steel, titanium, or any other material known to one skilled in the art. Deflecting members 204 are integral (i.e., unitary) with elongate strip 206 and are formed as planar tabs that are bent radially outward from elongate strip 206 from a plurality of cut-outs 208 formed in elongate strip 206. Elongate strip 206 is shaped as a cylindrical ring fixed to second end portion 86.

Deflecting members 204 may be designed to function in a manner similar to vanes 114. In this regard, as the exhaust flow exits flow reversing device 106, the exhaust will be directed by deflecting members 204, which will assist in further intermingling of the exhaust and reagent exhaust treatment fluid. As best shown in FIGS. 12 and 13, cut-outs 208 are angled relative to a length of elongate strip 206. When deflecting members 204 are bent outward from elongate strip 206, deflecting members 204 will also be angled relative to an axis of mixing assembly 200, which may be used to direct the exhaust flow in predetermined directions upon exiting flow reversing device 106.

Deflecting members 204 may have a length that is substantially equal to a distance between second end portion 86 of decomposition tube 82 and outer wall 118 of flow reversing device 106. Alternatively, deflecting members 204 may have a length that is less than the distance between second end portion 86 and outer wall 118. In another alternative, deflecting members 204 may each have a terminal projection 210 that provides deflecting members 204 with a length that is greater than the distance between second end portion 86 and outer wall 118. Terminal projection 210 may then abut a terminal end 212 of outer wall 118 of flow reversing device 106, which assists in positioning deflecting device 202 relative to flow reversing device 106. Terminal projections 210 may also assist in securing deflecting device 202 to flow reversing device 106, by providing a location to weld, braze, or secure each tab to flow reversing device 106, if desired.

Now referring to FIGS. 14 to 16, a third exemplary mixing assembly 300 is illustrated. Mixing assembly 300 is substantially similar to mixing assembly 80 illustrated in FIGS. 7 to

9. Description of components that are common to each assembly, therefore, is omitted herein for clarity. Although collar 98 is not illustrated in FIG. 14, it should be understood that mixing assembly 300 may include collar 98. Mixing assembly 300 includes deflecting device 302 including a plurality of deflecting members 304. As best shown in FIG. 15, deflecting device 302 may be formed from an annular ring 306 of metal such as aluminum, steel, titanium, or any other material known to one skilled in the art. Deflecting members 304 are integral (i.e., unitary) with annular ring 306 and are formed as planar tabs that may be bent axially outward from annular ring from a plurality of cut-outs 308 formed in annular ring 306. Although deflecting members 304 are illustrated as being bent in a direction toward an interior 310 of flow reversing device 106, it should be understood that deflecting members 304 can be bent in a direction away from interior 310.

Deflecting members 304 may be designed to function in a manner similar to vanes 114. In this regard, as the exhaust flow exits flow reversing device 106, the exhaust will be directed by deflecting members 304, which will assist in further intermingling of the exhaust and reagent exhaust treatment fluid. Deflecting members 304 may also be angled relative to an axis of mixing assembly 300, which may be used to direct the exhaust flow in predetermined directions upon exiting flow reversing device 106.

Once deflecting members 304 are bent into the desired orientation, an inner ring 312 and an outer ring 314 of deflecting device will be defined. Inner ring 312 may be used to secure deflecting device 302 to second end portion 86 of decomposition tube 82 by welding, brazing, or any other fixing method known in any manner known to one skilled in the art. Deflecting device 302 may also include an axially-extending flange 316 that extends outward from outer ring 314. Axially-extending flange 316 may correspond to terminal end 212 of flow reversing device 106 (FIG. 11), and overlap terminal end 212 such that axially-extending flange 316 may be secured to flow reversing device 106 by welding, brazing, or any other attachment method known.

Now referring to FIGS. 17 to 19, a fourth exemplary embodiment is illustrated. Mixing assembly 400 is similar to mixing assembly 80 illustrated in FIGS. 7 to 9. Description of components that are common to each assembly, therefore, is omitted herein for clarity. Mixing assembly 400 includes flow reversing device 106 at second end portion 86, which is a substantially cup-shaped member having a central bulge formed therein. In contrast to deflecting members 204 and 304 described above, mixing assembly 400 may include a flow-dispersing cap 402 coupled between flow reversing device 106 and decomposition tube 82.

Flow-dispersing cap 402 includes a first axially-extending lip 404 that couples flow-dispersing cap 402 to flow reversing device 106, and a second axially-extending lip 406 that couples flow-dispersing cap 402 to decomposition tube 82. Between axially-extending lips 404 and 406 is a perforated conically-shaped ring 408 having a plurality of through-holes 410. Similar to first and second perforations 96 and 100, through-holes 410 assist in creating turbulence and increasing a velocity of the exhaust stream as it exits flow reversing device 106. Through-holes 410 can be sized and shaped in any manner desired. In this regard, although through-holes 410 are illustrated as being circular, it should be understood that through-holes can be any shape including square, rectangular, triangular, oval, and the like. Conically-shaped ring 408 can include a first portion 412 adjacent first axially-extending lip 404, and a second portion 414 adjacent second axially-extending lip 406.

A diverter ring **416** may be positioned between second portion **414** and decomposition tube **82**. As best shown in FIG. **19**, diverter ring **416** includes a cylindrical portion **418** coupled to decomposition tube **82**, and an angled flange **420** extending away from cylindrical portion **418** between decomposition tube **82** and conically-shaped ring **408**. Angled flange **420** may be positioned at any angle desired to further assist in diverting flow out from mixing assembly **400**. In this regard, angled flange may be angled relative to cylindrical portion **418** in the range of 25 to 75 degrees, preferably in the range of 35 to 65 degrees, and most preferably at an angle of degrees.

Upon entry into flow reversing device **106**, the flow direction of the exhaust stream will be reversed back toward inlet **66**. As the exhaust flow exits flow reversing device **106**, the exhaust will be directed by diverter ring **416** out through through-holes **410**, which will assist in further intermingling of the exhaust and reagent exhaust treatment fluid. The exhaust stream is then free to flow towards SCR **70**.

Now referring to FIGS. **20** and **21**, a fifth exemplary embodiment is illustrated. Mixing assembly **500** is substantially similar to mixing assembly **80** illustrated in FIGS. **7** to **9**. Description of components that are common to each assembly, therefore, is omitted herein for clarity. Mixing assembly **500** includes flow reversing device **502** at second end portion **86** of decomposition tube **82**, which is a substantially cup-shaped member having a central bulge **503** formed therein. Flow reversing device **502** may include a plurality of flow deflecting members **504** formed in an outer wall **506** thereof. Deflecting members **504** are integral (i.e., unitary) with flow reversing device **502** and are formed as planar tabs that are that are bent radially outward from outer wall **506** from a plurality of cut-outs **508** formed in outer wall **506**. Deflecting members **504** may be designed to function in a manner similar to vanes **114**. In this regard, as the exhaust flow exits flow reversing device **502** through cut-outs **508**, the exhaust flow will become turbulent and deflected by deflecting members **504**, which will assist in further intermingling of the exhaust and reagent exhaust treatment fluid.

Mixing assembly **500** may further include a dispersing ring **510** positioned between a terminal end **512** of flow reversing device **502** and decomposition tube **82**. Dispersing ring **510** may be formed from an annular ring **514** of metal such as aluminum, steel, titanium, or any other material known to one skilled in the art. A cylindrical flange **516** may extend axially away from annular ring **514**. Cylindrical flange **516** may be welded, brazed, or secured in any manner known, to decomposition tube **82**. Annular ring **514** includes a plurality of scallop-shaped recesses **518** formed therein. Recesses **518** serve as exit ports to allow the exhaust stream to exit mixing assembly **500**. Accordingly, the exhaust stream may exit through cut-outs **508**, or may exit through recesses **518**. Adjacent recesses **518** may be separated by a land portion **520** of the annular ring **514**. A terminal end **522** of each land portion **520** located opposite to cylindrical flange **516** may be bent in the axial direction to provide an abutment surface that can position dispersing ring **510** relative to flow reversing device **502** before dispersing ring **510** is secured to decomposition tube **82**.

Upon entry into flow reversing device **502**, the flow direction of the exhaust stream will be reversed back toward inlet **66**. As the exhaust flow exits flow reversing device **502**, the exhaust may exit through cut-outs **508** and be deflected in a desired direction by deflecting members **504**, or the exhaust stream may exit through recesses **518** formed in dispersing ring **510**. Regardless of the location at which the exhaust stream exits mixing assembly **500**, the exhaust stream is

further intermingled with the reagent exhaust treatment fluid before flowing toward SCR **70**.

Although each mixing assembly has been described relative to use in an exhaust treatment component **20** including a single SCR **70**, the present disclosure should not be limited thereto. As best shown in FIGS. **22** and **23**, mixing assemblies can be used in an exhaust treatment component **20** having a pair of SCRs **70**. FIG. **22** illustrates a pair of exhaust treatment components **18** and **20**, arranged in parallel. Exhaust treatment component **18** is similar to the previously-described embodiments so description thereof will be omitted.

Exhaust treatment component **20**, as best shown in FIG. **23**, includes mixing assembly **80** (or any other mixing assembly described above) for intermingling exhaust treatment fluid dosed into the exhaust stream by dosing module **28**. Exhaust treatment component **20** includes a pair of housings **600** in communication with a pair of end caps **602** and **604**. End caps **602** and **604** may be secured to housings **600** by welding, or may be secured to housings **600** by clamps (not shown). Mixing assembly **80** and dosing module **28** are secured in a conduit **606** that provides communication between exhaust treatment component **18** and exhaust treatment component **20**. Conduit **606** may include a first portion **608** and a second portion **610** each including a flange **612** and **614**, respectively, that may be secured by welding, or by a clamp (not shown). Each housing **600** supports a plurality of exhaust treatment component substrates **618**, which may be a combination of SCRs, ammonia slip catalysts, and filters for treating the mixture of exhaust and exhaust treatment fluid.

As the exhaust enters mixing assembly **80**, the urea exhaust treatment fluid may be dosed directly into mixing assembly **80** by dosing module **28**. As the mixture of exhaust and exhaust treatment fluid travels through decomposition tube **82** and flow reversing device **106**, the exhaust treatment fluid and exhaust stream will be sufficiently intermingled before passing through exhaust treatment component substrates **618**. Mixing assembly **80** may include deflecting members or vanes **114** to assist in intermingling the exhaust and exhaust treatment fluid. Because a pair of housings **600** each including exhaust treatment component substrates **618** is used in the exemplary embodiment, vanes **114** may be positioned within flow reversing device **106** to ensure that a substantially equal amount of the exhaust stream is directed to each housing **600**. That is, it should be understood that deflecting members **114** (and the deflecting members in each exemplary embodiment) can be oriented and positioned to direct the exhaust in the desired direction. In this manner, the exhaust can be properly treated by exhaust treatment component substrates **618**.

Now referring to FIGS. **24-30**, an exemplary exhaust treatment assembly **700** including exhaust treatment components **702** and **704** is illustrated. As best shown in FIG. **24**, exhaust treatment components **702** and **704** are arranged parallel to one another. It should be understood, however, that exhaust treatment components **702** and **704** can be arranged substantially co-axially, without departing from the scope of the present disclosure.

Exhaust treatment component **702** may include a housing **706**, an inlet **708**, and an outlet **710**. Inlet **708** may be in communication with exhaust passage **14**, and outlet **710** may be in communication with exhaust treatment component **704**. Although outlet **710** is illustrated as being directly connected to exhaust treatment component **704**, it should be understood that an additional conduit (not shown) may be positioned between outlet **710** and exhaust treatment component **704**. The additional conduit can be non-linear such that the flow of exhaust through the conduit must turn before entering exhaust treatment component **704**.

Housing 706 can be cylindrically-shaped and may include a first section 712 supporting a DOC 714, and a second section 716 supporting a mixing assembly 718 (FIGS. 29 and 30). DOC 714 may be replaced by for example, a DPF or catalyst-coated DPF without departing from the scope of the present disclosure. Opposing ends of housing 706 can include end caps 720 and 722 to hermetically seal housing 706. End caps 720 and 722 can be slip-fit and welded to first and second sections 712 and 716, respectively. First and second sections 712 and 716 may be secured by a clamp 724. Alternatively, first and second sections 712 and 716 may be slip fit or welded, without departing from the scope of the present disclosure. The use of clamp 724 allows for easy removal of DOC 714 or mixing assembly 718 for maintenance, cleaning, or replacement of these components. A perforated baffle 725 may be positioned immediately downstream from inlet 708 and upstream for DOC 714. Exhaust from exhaust passage 14 will enter inlet 708, pass through perforated baffle 725, DOC 714, and mixing assembly 718, and exit outlet 710 before entering exhaust treatment component 704.

Exhaust treatment component 704 is substantially similar to exhaust treatment component 702. In this regard, exhaust treatment component 704 may include a housing 726, an inlet 728, and an outlet 730. Inlet 728 communicates with outlet 710 of exhaust treatment component 702, and outlet 730 may be in communication with a downstream section of exhaust passage 14.

Housing 726 can be cylindrically-shaped and may support an SCR 732 and ammonia slip catalyst 734. SCR 732 is preferably located upstream of ammonia slip catalyst 734. Opposing ends of housing 726 can include end caps 736 and 738 to hermetically seal housing 726. End caps 736 and 738 can be slip-fit and welded to housing 726. Alternatively, end caps 736 and 738 can be secured to housing 726 by clamps (not shown). Exhaust from outlet 710 of exhaust treatment component 702 will enter inlet 728, pass through SCR 732 and ammonia slip catalyst 734, and exit outlet 730 before entering the downstream section of exhaust passage 14.

Dosing module 28 may be positioned on end cap 722 at a location proximate outlet 710. As in previously described embodiments, dosing module 28 is operable to inject a reductant such as a urea exhaust treatment fluid into the exhaust stream before the exhaust stream passes through SCR 732. A sufficient intermingling of the exhaust and exhaust treatment fluid should occur to optimize the removal of NO_x from the exhaust stream before the mixture passes through SCR 732. To assist in intermingling of the exhaust stream and the urea exhaust treatment fluid, mixing assembly 718 may be positioned downstream from DOC 714 and upstream of SCR 732. Mixing assembly 718 is positioned proximate dosing module 28 such that dosing module 28 may dose the urea exhaust treatment fluid directly into mixing assembly 718 where it may intermingle with the exhaust stream.

FIGS. 29 and 30 best illustrate mixing assembly 718. Similar to previously described embodiments, mixing assembly 718 includes a decomposition tube 82 including first end portion 84 that may be secured to end cap 722 and second end portion 86 that is positioned proximate DOC 714. Decomposition tube 82 may be substantially cylindrical, with radially expanded portion 88 positioned between the first and second end portions 84 and 86. A flow reversing device 740 at second end portion 86. In addition to decomposition tube 82 being fixed to end cap 722, mixing assembly 718 may be supported within housing 706 by a perforated support plate 742.

Support plate 742 includes an annular central portion 744 surrounding an aperture 746 defined by an axially extending flange 748 that is fixed to decomposition tube 82. An annular

outer portion 750 of support plate 742 includes a plurality of through-holes 752 for allowing the exhaust to flow there-through. Outer portion 750 also includes an axially-extending flange 754 for fixing support plate 742 to housing 706. An axially-extending shoulder portion 756 may be positioned between the annular central portion 744 and annular outer portion 750. Shoulder portion 756 provides a mounting surface for a cylindrical shell 758 of mixing assembly 718. Shell 758 includes a proximal end 760 fixed to shoulder portion 756 and a distal end 762 fixed to flow reversing device 740. A radially extending mounting flange 764 receives an end 766 of outlet 710.

As best shown in FIG. 30, the exhaust flow will enter inlet 708, pass through perforated baffle 725, and enter DOC 714. After the exhaust exits DOC 714, the exhaust will approach mixing assembly 718. Although not required by the present disclosure, mixing assembly 718 may cup-shaped nose 768 fixed to an outer surface 770 of flow-reversing device 740. Cup-shaped nose 768 may include a conical, hemispherical, or ellipsoid outer surface 772 that, upon contact by the exhaust, directs the exhaust around mixing assembly 718. Cup-shaped nose 768 may also have a concave surface relative to the direction of the exhaust. In addition, cup-shaped nose 768 may have raised or recessed features (e.g., bumps or dimples, not shown) formed on outer surface 772. Although cup-shaped nose 768 is illustrated as being fixed to flow-reversing device 740, it should be understood that cup-shaped nose 768 can be supported by a support plate (not shown) at a position proximate flow-reversing device 740. For example, a support plate similar to support plate 742 having through-holes 752 to allow for exhaust flow may be used, with annular central portion 744 defining cup-shaped nose 768 rather than aperture 746.

After passing around mixing assembly 718, the exhaust will pass through through-holes 752 of support plate 742. After passing through support plate 742, the exhaust may enter mixing assembly 718 through perforations 96 and 100. To assist in feeding the exhaust gas into mixing assembly 718, end cap 722 may define curved surfaces (i.e., similar to flow-reversing device 740, not shown) that direct the exhaust into mixing assembly 718. After entering decomposition tube 82, the exhaust flow will be exposed to the exhaust treatment fluid (e.g., urea) dosed into mixing assembly 718 by dosing module 28. As the exhaust flows through decomposition tube 82, the exhaust will be directed in a reverse direction by flow reversing device 740 into shell 758. The exhaust may then exit shell 758 through outlet 710 and enter exhaust treatment component 704 where SCR 732 and ammonia slip catalyst 734 are located.

According to the above-described configuration, the exhaust flow will be forced to reverse direction within exhaust treatment component 702 twice. That is, the exhaust flow will firstly reverse direction as it enters mixing assembly 718, and the exhaust will secondly reverse direction due to contact with flow-reversing device 740. Due to the exhaust flow reversing in direction twice as it travels through exhaust treatment component 702, the exhaust flow will become tortuous, which increases the ability to intermingle the exhaust treatment fluid with the exhaust before the exhaust enters SCR 732. Due to the increased intermingling of the exhaust treatment fluid and the exhaust, the efficacy of SCR 732 in removing NO_x from the exhaust can be increased.

Although not illustrated in FIGS. 29 and 30, it should be understood that flow-reversing device 740 may include deflecting members such as vanes 114. Alternatively, any of mixing assemblies 200, 300, 400, and 500 may be used in

exhaust treatment component **702** without departing from the scope of the present disclosure.

Now referring to FIGS. **31** and **32**, an exhaust treatment component **800** is illustrated. Exhaust treatment component **800** includes a housing **802**, an inlet **804**, and an outlet **806**. Housing **802** may include an inner shell **807** and an outer shell **808**. An insulating material **810** may be disposed between inner shell **806** and outer shell **808**. Inlet **804** may be coupled to exhaust passage **14**, and includes an inner cone **812** and an outer cone **814**. Insulating material **810** may be disposed between inner cone **812** and outer cone **814**. Inner cone **812** may be fixed to inner shell **807**, and outer cone **814** may be fixed to outer shell **808**. Inner cone **812** may first be fixed to outer cone **814**, and then inlet **804** may be fixed to inner and outer shells **807** and **808**. Outlet **806** may include an outer sleeve **816** fixed to outer shell **808**, and an inner sleeve **818**. Inner sleeve **818** may be constructed of one or more sections that are hermetically sealed. Insulating material **810** may be disposed between inner sleeve **818** and outer sleeve **816**. Outlet **806** may extend radially outward from housing **802**, while inlet **804** may be co-axial with housing **802**.

An end cap **820** may be coupled to housing **802** at an end of housing **802** opposite to inlet **804**. Dosing module **28** may be positioned on end cap **820** (or on an additional flange (not shown) at a location proximate outlet **806**). As in previously described embodiments, dosing module **28** is operable to inject a reductant such as a urea exhaust treatment fluid into the exhaust stream before the exhaust stream passes through an SCR (not shown). A sufficient intermingling of the exhaust and exhaust treatment fluid should occur to optimize the removal of NO_x from the exhaust stream before the mixture passes through the SCR. To assist in intermingling of the exhaust stream and the urea exhaust treatment fluid, mixing assembly **718** may be positioned between inlet **804** and outlet **806**. Mixing assembly **718** is positioned proximate dosing module **28** such that dosing module **28** may dose the exhaust treatment fluid directly into mixing assembly **718** where it may intermingle with the exhaust stream.

FIG. **32** best illustrates mixing assembly **718** within exhaust treatment component **800**. Mixing assembly **718** includes a decomposition tube **82** including first end portion **84** that may be secured to end cap **820** and second end portion **86** that is positioned proximate inlet **804**. The exhaust flow will enter inlet **804** and approach mixing assembly **718**. Although not required by the present disclosure, mixing assembly **718** may include cup-shaped nose **768** fixed to an outer surface **770** of flow-reversing device **740**. Cup-shaped nose **768** may include a conical, hemispherical, or ellipsoid outer surface **772** that, upon contact by the exhaust, directs the exhaust around mixing assembly **718**. Cup-shaped nose **768** may also have a concave surface relative to the direction of the exhaust. In addition, cup-shaped nose **768** may have raised or recessed features (e.g., bumps or dimples, not shown) formed on outer surface **772**. After passing around mixing assembly **718**, the exhaust will pass through through-holes **752** of support plate **742**. After passing through support plate **742**, the exhaust may enter mixing assembly **718** through perforations **96**. Although mixing assembly **718** is illustrated in FIG. **32** as not including perforated collar **98**, it should be understood that the illustrated embodiment may include perforated collar **98** without departing from the scope of the present disclosure.

After entering decomposition tube **82**, the exhaust flow will be exposed to the exhaust treatment fluid (e.g., urea) dosed into mixing assembly **718** by dosing module **28**. As the exhaust flows through decomposition tube **82**, the exhaust will be directed in a reverse direction by flow reversing device **740** into shell **758**. The exhaust may then exit shell **758**

through outlet **806** and enter another exhaust treatment component (e.g., exhaust treatment component illustrated in FIG. **24**) where an SCR may be located.

Although not illustrated in FIG. **32**, it should be understood that flow-reversing device **740** may include deflecting members such as vanes **114**. Alternatively, any of mixing assemblies **200**, **300**, **400**, and **500** may be used in exhaust treatment component **800** without departing from the scope of the present disclosure.

According to the above-described configuration, the exhaust flow will be forced to reverse direction within exhaust treatment component **800** twice. That is, the exhaust flow will firstly reverse direction as it enters mixing assembly **718**, and the exhaust will secondly reverse direction due to contact with flow-reversing device **740**. Due to the exhaust flow reversing in direction twice as it travels through exhaust treatment component **800**, the exhaust flow will become tortuous, which increases the ability to intermingle the exhaust treatment fluid with the exhaust before the exhaust enters an SCR. Due to the increased intermingling of the exhaust treatment fluid and the exhaust, the efficacy of the SCR in removing NO_x from the exhaust can be increased.

Moreover, it should be understood that exhaust treatment component **800** does not include a DOC, DPF, SCR, or some other type of exhaust treatment substrate. Without any of these devices, component **800** may be made to be compact. Such a design allows for existing exhaust after-treatment systems including an SCR to be retro-fit with component **800** to assist in increasing intermingling of the exhaust and urea exhaust treatment fluid.

It should be understood that each of the above-described configurations may be modified, as desired. For example, although inlet **708** illustrated in FIG. **24** is illustrated as having a 90 degree bend, the present disclosure contemplates a co-axial inlet like that illustrated in FIG. **31** (i.e., inlet **804**) or a radially-positioned inlet like inlet **728**. Similarly, outlet **710** may be replaced by a co-axial outlet (similar to co-axial inlet **804**) or an outlet having a 90 degree bend (similar to inlet **708**). Similar modifications may be made in component **800**, without departing from the scope of the present disclosure.

The foregoing description of the embodiments has been provided for purposes of illustration and description. It is not intended to be exhaustive or to limit the disclosure. Individual elements or features of a particular embodiment are generally not limited to that particular embodiment, but, where applicable, are interchangeable and can be used in a selected embodiment, even if not specifically shown or described. The same may also be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the disclosure, and all such modifications are intended to be included within the scope of the disclosure.

What is claimed is:

1. An exhaust treatment component for treating an engine exhaust, comprising:
 - a housing including an inlet and an outlet; and
 - a mixing device located within the housing between the inlet and the outlet, the mixing device including:
 - a shell communicating with the outlet;
 - a decomposition tube having a first end and a second end, the first end extending from the shell and being configured to receive the exhaust from the inlet and being configured to receive a reagent exhaust treatment fluid, and the second end being positioned within the shell;
 - a flow reversing device disposed proximate the second end, the flow reversing device configured to direct a mixture of the exhaust and reagent exhaust treatment

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fluid in predetermined directions into the shell, wherein the flow reversing device reverses a flow direction of the exhaust back towards the first end of the decomposition tube; and

a support plate fixed to an interior surface of the housing upstream from the first end of the decomposition tube, the support plate defining an aperture for receipt of the decomposition tube and a plurality of through-holes for allowing the exhaust to flow therethrough before entering the first end of the decomposition tube.

2. The exhaust treatment component of claim 1, wherein a direction of the exhaust flow reverses after entering the first end of the decomposition tube.

3. The exhaust treatment component of claim 1, further comprising a cup-shaped nose fixed to an outer surface of the flow reversing device.

4. The exhaust treatment component of claim 3, further comprising a collar disposed about the first end, the collar including a plurality of second perforations that receive the exhaust.

5. The exhaust treatment component of claim 1, wherein the flow reversing device includes a plurality of deflecting members for intermixing the exhaust and reagent exhaust treatment fluid.

6. The exhaust treatment component of claim 5, wherein the deflecting members are formed about a cylindrical ring secured at the second end of the decomposition tube.

7. The exhaust treatment component of claim 5, wherein the deflecting members are formed about an annular ring secured between the second end of the decomposition tube and the flow reversing device.

8. The exhaust treatment component of claim 5, wherein the deflecting members are comprised of a diverter ring fixed at the second end of the decomposition tube.

9. The exhaust treatment component of claim 1, wherein the decomposition tube includes a radially expanded portion between the first and second ends.

10. An exhaust treatment component for treating an engine exhaust, comprising:

a housing including an inlet and an outlet; and

a mixing device located within the housing between the inlet and the outlet, the mixing device including:

a shell communicating with the outlet;

a decomposition tube having a first end and a second end, the first end extending from the shell and being configured to receive the exhaust from the inlet and being configured to receive a reagent exhaust treatment fluid, and the second end being positioned within the shell; and

a flow reversing device disposed proximate the second end, the flow reversing device configured to direct a mixture of the exhaust and reagent exhaust treatment fluid in predetermined directions into the shell, wherein the flow reversing device reverses a flow direction of the exhaust back towards the first end of the decomposition tube, wherein the flow reversing device includes a plurality of deflecting members for intermixing the exhaust and reagent exhaust treatment fluid, and further wherein the deflecting members are formed as a plurality of vanes, and the vanes are fixed to an inner surface of the flow reversing device.

11. An exhaust treatment component for treating an engine exhaust, comprising:

a housing including an inlet and an outlet; and

a mixing device located within the housing between the inlet and the outlet, the mixing device including:

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a shell communicating with the outlet;

a decomposition tube having a first end and a second end, the first end extending from the shell and being configured to receive the exhaust from the inlet and being configured to receive a reagent exhaust treatment fluid, and the second end being positioned within the shell; and

a flow reversing device disposed proximate the second end, the flow reversing device configured to direct a mixture of the exhaust and reagent exhaust treatment fluid in predetermined directions into the shell, wherein the flow reversing device reverses a flow direction of the exhaust back towards the first end of the decomposition tube, wherein the flow reversing device includes a plurality of deflecting members for intermixing the exhaust and reagent exhaust treatment fluid, and further wherein the deflecting members are formed from a plurality of tabs that protrude from a plurality of cut-outs formed about a circumference of the flow reversing device.

12. The exhaust treatment component of claim 11, further comprising a dispersing ring having a plurality of scalloped recesses fixed between the second end of the decomposition tube and the flow reversing device.

13. An exhaust treatment component for treating an engine exhaust, comprising:

a housing including an inlet and an outlet; and

a mixing device located within the housing between the inlet and the outlet, the mixing device including:

a shell communicating with the outlet;

a decomposition tube having a first end and a second end, the first end extending from the shell and being configured to receive the exhaust from the inlet and being configured to receive a reagent exhaust treatment fluid, and the second end being positioned within the shell;

a flow reversing device disposed proximate the second end, the flow reversing device configured to direct a mixture of the exhaust and reagent exhaust treatment fluid in predetermined directions into the shell, wherein the flow reversing device reverses a flow direction of the exhaust back towards the first end of the decomposition tube, wherein the flow reversing device includes a plurality of deflecting members for intermixing the exhaust and reagent exhaust treatment fluid; and

a flow-dispersing cap secured between the second end of the decomposition tube and the flow reversing device, the flow-dispersing cap including a plurality of through-holes formed therein.

14. An exhaust treatment component for treating an exhaust produced by an engine, comprising:

a housing;

an exhaust treatment component substrate positioned within the housing;

a dosing module for dosing a reagent exhaust treatment fluid into the exhaust, the dosing module secured to the housing and positioned downstream of the first exhaust treatment component substrate; and

a mixing device located within the housing and positioned downstream from the dosing module, the mixing device including:

a shell;

a decomposition tube having a first end extending from the shell and directly communicating with the dosing module, and a second end positioned within the shell;

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a flow reversing device disposed proximate the second end, the flow reversing device directing the exhaust and reagent exhaust treatment fluid in predetermined directions into the shell; and

a support plate fixed to an interior surface of the housing upstream from the first end of the decomposition tube, the support plate defining an aperture for receipt of the decomposition tube and a plurality of through-holes for allowing the exhaust to flow therethrough before entering the first end of the decomposition tube, wherein a direction of the exhaust flow firstly reverses after entering the first end of the decomposition tube; and

the flow reversing device secondly reverses the direction of the exhaust flow back towards the first end of the decomposition tube.

15. The exhaust treatment component of claim 14, further comprising a cup-shaped nose fixed to an outer surface of the flow reversing device.

16. The exhaust treatment component of claim 15, further comprising a collar disposed about the first end, the collar including a plurality of second perforations that receive the exhaust.

17. The exhaust treatment component of claim 14, wherein flow reversing device includes a plurality of deflecting members for intermixing the exhaust and reagent exhaust treatment fluid.

18. The exhaust treatment component of claim 17, wherein the deflecting members are formed as a plurality of vanes, and the vanes are fixed to an inner surface of the flow reversing device.

19. The exhaust treatment component of claim 17, wherein deflecting members are formed from a plurality of tabs that protrude from a plurality of cut-outs formed about a circumference of the flow reversing device.

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20. The exhaust treatment component of claim 19, further comprising a dispersing ring having a plurality of scallop-shaped recesses fixed between the second end of the decomposition tube and the flow reversing device.

21. The exhaust treatment component of claim 17, wherein the deflecting members are formed about a cylindrical ring secured at the second end of the decomposition tube.

22. The exhaust treatment component of claim 17, wherein the deflecting members are formed about an annular ring secured between the second end of the decomposition tube and the flow reversing device.

23. The exhaust treatment component of claim 17, wherein the deflecting members are comprised of a diverter ring fixed at the second end of the decomposition tube.

24. The exhaust treatment component of claim 23, further comprising a flow-dispersing cap secured between the second end of the decomposition tube and the flow reversing device, the flow-dispersing cap including a plurality of through-holes formed therein.

25. The exhaust treatment component of claim 14, wherein the decomposition tube includes a radially expanded portion between the first and second ends.

26. The exhaust treatment of claim 14, wherein the first exhaust treatment component substrate is an oxidation catalyst substrate.

27. The exhaust treatment component of claim 26, further comprising a second exhaust treatment component downstream from the housing, and arranged in parallel with the first exhaust treatment component.

28. The exhaust treatment component of claim 27, wherein the second exhaust treatment component is an SCR catalyst substrate.

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